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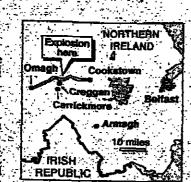
## Seven die in Ulster road bomb

BY EDWARD GORMAN AND RICHARD DUCE

SEVEN building workers were killed and seven others injured last night when a huge road-side bomb devastated their van in Northern Ireland.

The bomb had been planted in a culvert under the main Omagh to Cookstown road in Co Tyrone and the explosion could be heard tenimites away. The men who died had been working at Lisanelly barracks in Omagh and are thought to have been victims of the IRA's campaign against contractors working for the security forces.

A 100-yard command line was found leading from the road to a point overlooking the scene of the blast, suggesting that the victims had been deliberately targeted. The attack appears to bear similarities to one on a military bus in August 1988 when the IRA triggered a bomb by remote control from high ground, killing eight young Light Infantry soldiers returning to their



crossroads called Teebane Cross. near the staunchly republican village of Carrickmore. The injured were taken to the Mid-Ulster, Tyrone County and South Tyrone hospitals. Two were seriously-ill-at the Mid-Ulster hosmal and another underwent emergency surgery. At the scene, police asked for floodlights to be brought in to help

search for those unaccounted for. The bombing came as the latest efforts to revive talks between nationalist and unionists on the future of the province all but col-Last night's bombing took place lapsed. Peter Brooke, the Northern on a lonely stretch of road at a. Ireland secretary, had earlier held

## **Building workers blown** up in terrorist attack

talks in Dublin with Gerard Collins: the Irish foreign affairs minister, and fater admitted that the prospect of renewed talks had receded

Mr Brooke will now be pressed to take tougher security measures to deal with the IRA and some Unionist MPs believe the government should introduce selective internment to remove the senior commanders from both sides of the sectarian divide.

The prime minister last night spoke of his horror at the outrage. and declared: "A policy of bombing is odious, contemptible and cowardly and will never change the Government's policy in Northern

William McCrea, the Democratic Unionist party MP for Mid-Ulster said: "I wish to condemn the cruel and brutal murder of workers tonight in my constituency." Several innocent members of the community had been slaughtered by murdering IRA scum" in a "deliberately targeted operation".

Ken Maginnis, secirity spokesman for the Ulster Unionist party. said: "There are two governments, one with responsibility for, and the other with an interest in the welfare of people in Northern Ireland. What do they intend to do about these people in the higher echelons, the top of the first division of terrorism, who organise with impunity such as we saw today?"

Kevin McNamara, shadow Northern Ireland secretary, said the bombing was "another crime that can have no justification, whatever the political motives of those involved". The incident made it all

the more necessary that politicians should continue their talks on the future of Northern Ireland. "I hope we are not going to mourn the passing of another lost opportunity for talks," he said.

The latest murders bring the death toll from sectarian violence in the province to 11 this year. Last year, 75 civilians were killed, the highest toll in 15 years. Six big bombs have been detonated in Belfast in the past nine weeks, and a week ago, the government put extra troops on the streets to counter the IRA campaign there.

Last night's attack appears to have been the latest in a vicious campaign against individuals denounced by the IRA as "collaborators". The campaign has claimed the lives of people working for fruit merchants, building contractors, and catering firms. It has also resulted in companies quietly leav-ing security bases where they were doing construction work and to shops declining to serve members

of the security forces. The campaign is based on a strategy carried out with success during the Irish War of Indepencentury when the Royal Irish Constabulary was isolated from the community and driven from its barracks.

The IRA made its first public threat against those working for the security forces in June 1985 when it warned people working on a new RUC base at Lisnagelvin in Londonderry. In August that year. Seamus McEvoy, a Catholic, was shot dead in a Dublin bar because. the IRA alleged, he had been supplying materials to security bases. Three days later, the IRA apologised to the family of Daniel Mullen, who had also been shot dead in a bar at Strabane, Co Tyrone. They said he had been killed in mistake for a prominent

Protestant building contractor. The Provisionals' campaign has forced the Royal Engineers to carry out urgent repairs to bombed bases, and a £200 million programme to build safe housing for the security forces had to be undertaken secretly to protect workers.

> Stalled initiative, page 4 Letters, page 11

## Yeltsin tries to defuse army anger

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

MORE than 6,000 disgrun-iled officer-delegates of the former Soviet army, meeting in the Kremlin yesterday, gave their political leaders such a stormy reception that their commander-in-chief, Marshal Yevgeni Shaposh-nikov, had to deny a military

coup was imminent.

Despite valiant attempts by President Yeltsin of Russia Marshal Shaooshnikov, and the Kazazkhstan president. Nursultan Nazarbayev, to keep the meeting under control, the mood was ugly, reflecting deep unhappiness in the armed forces after the decline and dissolution of the Soviet Union. The officers heard Mr Yeltsin appeal to explained that he would relućiu to keeb rue the country and Marshal Shaposhnikov pledge that the army would not allow itself to be used for political ends.

In his opening address, the marshal felt the need to deny that the outcome would be a military coup. "Claims that the all-army meeting may re-

for surgery

The maximum waiting time for a hospital opera-

tion is to be cut from two years to 18 months under

proposals being drawn up by the Conservatives.

The new target is under-

stood to have been provi-sionally agreed between William Waldegrave, the

health secretary, and John

Major at last week's

Downing Street meening

on the Ton programme for a fourth term ...... Page 16

£2.5m award

A brain-damaged girl whose only real joy in life is opera stands to receive 12.5

million in damages over 25

in the draw for the Europe-

an football championsnips England will meet Sweden.

France and Yugoslavia in

group one, while Scotland

will face Holland and

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Top draw.

sult in a military coup are Shorter wait

groundless and socially dan-gerous. I will never allow the armed forces to be used against the people." When the conference opened, there was consternation that Mr Yeltsin and Mr Nazarbayev were the only two

presidents of the Commonwealth of Independent States who had bothered to turn up. The lack of consensus was such that the conference proceeded with no agenda. standing orders or time limit. At one point, Marshal

Shaposhnikov strode off the platform, announcing his resignation, after calls from the floor for his removal. He was called back by Mr Yeltsin and main only it the office could do something to help. In his earlier speech, Mar-

shal Shaposhnikov had given

a warning that "global trage-dy" threatened if the future of the former Soviet armed forces was not settled quickly. Events have reached the boundary beyond which liefeuding, chaos and national, if\_not global, tragedy." But Marshal Shaposhnikov, who called for retention of a single armed forces with a transitional period of "two, three or four years", was heard with cool hostility. Even the populist Mr Yeltsin attracted luke-

warm applause. His only



Under fire: President Yeltsin and Marshal Shaposhnikov consult during their Kremlin brush with the officer corps

spontaneous ovation came when he promised land and dollars to officers who wanted to build their own houses.

The two most popular speakers were Metropolitan Kirili of Smolensk, who cited the glorious tradition of St George the warrior and Aleksandr Nevsky, and Colonel Viktor Alksnis, one of the conservative firebrands of the dissolved Soviet parliament. Colonel Alksnis, said: "Our homeland no longer exists our homeland was the USSR." The commonwealth was "a liction".

While the platform was calling for calm, the mass of officers in the hall were calling for retention of a single high command, a single armed forces, and even resto-

ration of the Soviet Union. Mr Yeltsin's announcement that the commonwealth would have its own navy did little to pacify officers in revolt against the probability that part of the Black Sea and Caspian fleets would be transferred to Ukraine and to Azerbaijan.

Fighters rally, page 8

#### City dismisses 'blip in the dip' inflation rise

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

the second consecutive month in December. Retail prices rose by an annual 4.5 per cent, up from 4.3 per cent in the previous month, according to government figures.
John Major, who set the

fight against inflation as his main objective, said last month that inflation had been "licked" and City economists remain convinced that headline" inflation is still falling in the long term.

Simon Briscoe, economist at Midland Montagu, the investment bank, dismissed the

INFLATION picked up for blip in the [inflationary] dip" Forecasters expect the annual rate to be unchanged this month, before starting to fall

> March. There was also an unexpected deterioration in government finances last month. with a PSBR of £1.2 billion. instead of a forecast repayment of £800 million.

again. The government is

looking forward to British in-

flation falling below the Ger-

man level next month or in

Leading article, page 11 Labour hits back, page 16 Borrowing rises, page 17

#### Lottery bill fails but fight goes on

A NATIONAL lottery remained last night an option for the Conservative election manifesto despite the failure of a backbench Commons attempt to introduce one (Philip Webster writes).

Ivan Lawrence, Conservative MP for Burton, failed to muster 100 votes to enable his national lottery bill to make progress. The government declined to back him in the vote, preferring to wait before deciding whether to make the lottery a manifesto commitment.

Votes held back, page 4

#### **Unrepentant Saddam** admits he lost war

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein yesterday for the first time acknowledged Iraq's material defeat in the Gulf war, but promised to rebuild his vast military machine.

In a television address on the anniversary of the allied attack on Baghdad, he gave the clearest signal yet that. despite crushing defeat and continuing United Nations sanctions, he has no intention of abandoning his ambition of making Iraq a heavily armed regional superpower.

Relaxed and confident in field marshal's uniform. Saddam acknowledged physical defeat in the war. But. he insisted. Iraq had won a mor-

al victory over the forces of 'Satan and treachery". His address came after an Iraqi government claim that 187 "military industry buildings" damaged in the war had already been repaired and another 200 unspecified military facilities were now under reconstruction. Western intelligence officials believe Saddam may still have as many as 200 concealed Scud missiles.

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#### pickup in retail prices as "the Eavesdropper tunes into galactic 'gossip'

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE American space agency Nasa is about to begin a \$100 million (£58.8 million) search for intelligent life elsewhere in the universe.

The project is the biggest and most intensive effort yet to determine whether we are alone. Since 1960 at least 50 investigations have been carried out, mostly small-scale and all unsuccessful. Steven Spielberg, director of ET, the Extra-Terrestrial, gave \$100,600 to finance one project, but it found nothing.

Now the big battalions are moving in. Next week radio and computer equipment will be moved to the Mojave Desert to begin eavesdropping on the galactic airwaves in the hope of picking

equipment will be set up at Nasa's Deep Space Network tracking station at Goldstone, 85 miles northeast of Los Angeles. Later the search will be joined by radio telescopes at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico. in Canberra, Australia, and in Greenbank, West Virginia. The search will last ten years.

The searchers believe that if there are intelligent beings in space, they will be generating radio noise that ought to be detectable. It might be a signal deliberately broadcast into space in the hope of attracting attention, or simply the dying echo of an extraterrestrial television or radio channel. Nasa's new equipment promises to be 10 million times more effective than anything tried before. Michael klein, of Nasa's Jet Propulsion

up some extraterrestrial titbits. The Laboratory, announcing the start of the programme, said that the evidence was that countless Earth-like planets exist in our galaxy. "I strongly believe that some day we will make contact with other civilisations," he said. The new equipment would be able within a few minutes to match all of the searches that had gone before.

Nasa's search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) will systematically search the sky for transmissions in the ! to 10 gigahertz range, where natural sources are quietest. The targeted search will look at roughly 1.000 sunlike stars that lie within 100 light years of us, while the sky survey will look at the entire sky but with lower sensitivity. The survey will be formally launched on Continued on page 16. col 8



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## Loophole on poll tax worries power chiefs

By Douglas Broom

council against a poll tax defaulter. The case is regarded

as a test of the arguments

Lawyers from the Poll Tax

Legal Group have argued

that computer records

amount to "hearsay evi-

dence" and therefore cannot

be used to prove non-pay-ment. Both sides say that they

will appeal to the High Court

Gas and electricity com-

panies are concerned that a

High Court ruling in favour

of the anti-poll tax groups would invalidate their own

use of computer payment

In the Commons, Bryan

Gould, the shadow environ-

ment secretary said that the

delays caused by the legal confusion would push up poll

tax bills next year. He de-

manded a government state-

ment on what action minis-

cils now face mean that poll

tax bills could be even higher

next year as councils will be

forced to pass the cost of

government incompetence on

to next year's poll tax bills,"

he said. His call for action

was echoed by the main local

authority associations, which

called for a meeting with John Patten, Home Office

Rita Taylor, chairman of the Association of District

Councils finance committee,

accused ministers of "dilly-

dallying" while councils faced

"massive losses in revenue".

She said that councils had to

issue summonses within two

years of the debt arising. If

the hearings dragged out un-

til the spring it would be impossible to bring some cases, which would be "cata-

strophic" for many councils.

terday that councils should

continue to take cases to court

if they believed that they

could prove the debt had not

been paid. Environment

ministers and Home Office

officials spent much of yester-

day discussing possible sol-

utions while more poll tax

cases were halted. At Hack-

ney, east London magistrates

adjourned a further 1.300

cases indefinitely, bringing to

more than 5,000 the number

now halted pending a ruling.

The Home Office said yes-

minister of state.

The extra problems coun-

ters proposed to take.

records in the courts.

if they lose.

about computer records.

GAS and electricity companies may be prevented from cutting off supplies to debtors if anti-poil tax campaigners succeed in their le-gal challenge to the use of

computer records in court-The Home Office is looking into the threat to the public utilities posed by a series of test cases brought by anti-poli tax groups over the admissibility of computerised records in civil proceedings before magistrates. The utilities use computerised payment rec-ords as evidence that customers have not paid their bills when seeking court orders allowing them to enter homes and turn off supplies.

A stipendiary magistrate at Clerkenwell in north London is due to rule next week on a case brought by Camden

#### **Jesuits** condemn council tax

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE council tax, the government's replacement for the community charge, will still place an unfair burden on the poor, according to a report by a Jesuit scholar.

Father Chris Moss, Dean of St Edmund's Roman Catholic College, Cambridge, will publish a study on Wednesday arguing that while the new tax is a significant improvement, what is needed is a "truly progressive tax" for

He writes of concern that the ratios between property values are greater than the planned ratios of tax liability in the new tax, to be implemented in April next year. He proposes a supplementary local income tax and an in-

crease in benefits for the poor. "What is needed is an immediate substantial increase in income support-related benefits if the government is not to fail in its grave obligation to protect the most vulnerable in society.

The report, by the Von Hugel Institute, a research body based at St Edmund's, has been sent to Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary. MPs and bishops in advance of a parliamentary debate. The Council Tax, the most comprehensive Christian critique of the new tax to date, cites the biblical mandate to care for the weakest in society. "The Old Tes-tament prophets forcefully condemned the selfish accumulation of wealth at the

expense of others." Father Moss says: "The incidents in the Gospels which refer directly to taxation also highlight the concern of Jesus for the poor and for justice."
He adds: "The combina-

tion of inadequate benefit and regressive taxation has brought many low income families into court for the first time. With few exceptions, the people being imprisoned are

"It is not good enough to argue that there will be win-ners and losers." he says.

#### Labour's plan will hit 8.7% of families

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By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ONLY 8.7 per cent of families in the United Kingdom will lose under Labour's proposals to remove the National Insurance Contribution ceilings and introduce its spending pledges, according to an independent study published

Forty-six per cent of families will gain from the proposals and 44 per cent will be unaffected, the analysis of Labour's tax changes by the Institute of Fiscal Studies

Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour party said yesterday that almost 90 per cent of the population would be wholly unaffected by the taxes.

However, the report confirms that families will be hit most in London and the South-East, In Greater London 38 per cent of families will gain, 15 per cent will lose and 47 per cent will be unaffected, while in the southeast 45 per cent gain, 13 per cent lose and 42 per

cent are unaffected.

The biggest gainers are in Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Northern

Steve Webb, a researcher at the institute, said that one of the main effects of the changes would be to redistribute income from the rich to the poor. Further analysis shows that if the population is divided up into tenths by in-come level (weighted to take into account the extra costs of families with more children) more families gain than lose except for the top 20 per cent.

The institute has offered two sets of figures, one based on abolition of NICs for all workers, the other excluding self-employed. The figures above exclude self-employed.

The report makes it unclear which policy Labour would adopt, but senior Labour sources insisted last night that their policy had always been to exclude self-employed people from their proposals to

abolish NIC ceilings.

Mr Webb said that the exclusion of self-employed workers would cost the party the difference between £3.2 billion and £2.7 billion However. Labour said they had always used £2.7 billion for

Ministers attacked Labour last night. John MacGregor, the Commons leader, said Every taxpayer at every level of earnings would be hit."

Labour challenge, page 16







Stars in transit: Roy of the Rovers, left, and, right, Dan Dare and Judge Dredd, the comic-book characters bought by the Gutenberghus Group from the wreckage of the Maxwell empire

## Roy of the Rovers goes Danish

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE footballing world was horrified yesterday when it learned that Roy of the Rovers, Melchester's everpopular striker, has been transferred to a Danish team for an undisclosed fee.

Roy and a team of other famous cartoon characters including Dan Dare and Judge Dredd, have been bought by Gutenberghus Group, a Danish publisher. from the wreckage of the late Robert Maxwell's media

Gutenberghus has bought Fleetway Editions, Britain's largest comic book publisher, from Price Waterhouse, the accountancy firm that is handling the administration of Maxwell Communication Corporation.

The Danish company already owned half of the company which it bought in a joint venture deal with Mr Maxwell last October. His death and the collapse of his companies have allowed Gutenberghus to buy the remainder of the shares at a knock-down price, thought to be around £5 million.

Fleetway has annual sales more than £2 million. Among others it publishes 2000 AD, one of Britain's most successful comics, with more than a million readers. The company's most valuable asset is Judge Dredd.

Sulphur

'cuts global

warming'

By NIGEL HAWKES

SULPHUR emissions from

power stations and industry

have slowed the rate of global

warming, an international

meeting of climate specialists

By reflecting the hear of the

sun back into space, tiny

sulphate particles have

counteracted the effects of

greenhouse gases and re-

duced global warming by up

to 20 per cent, scientists who

advise the Intergovernmental

Panel on Climate Change

The 130 scientists from 47

countries who have just ended

a meeting in Canton in Chi-

na concluded that global

warming is likely to be rather

slower than earlier predic-

tions, so long as sulphur emis-sions continue. However,

because sulphur pollution causes acid rain, efforts are

now being made to reduce it

accelerate global warming.

- and doing so is likely to

has concluded.

believe.

the vicious and cynical poiceman of a post-nuclear New York, soon to star in his

The 'sale is part of the dismemberment of the Maxwell businesses in an effort to repay some of their estimated debts of £3 billion. Accountants throughout the City are holding private auctions of Maxwell businesses.

son Consultancy has an-nounced that it is buying the British businesses of AGB Research, to form the largest market research group in the country. AGB was owned by the Maxwell family's private companies, now in the hands of Arthur Andersen,

THE House of Lords last

night voted by 26 votes to 20

for a huge increase in lines for

illegal Sunday trading, but

the private member's hill con-

taining the £50,000 proposed

fine has no hope of passing

into law in face of govern-

truncated by the forthcoming

election.

ment opposition in a session

Viscount Brentford, chair-

man of the Keep Sunday Spe-

cial Campaign, moving the

O'Cathain: "Difficult

issue" for a Christian

Duchess in racism dispute

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

the administrator. Andersen is keen to complete disposals quickly to repay some of the bank debt, but is having rather more difficulty selling a 51 per cent stake in Mirror Group Newspapers.

Yesterday SG Warburg. the merchant bank, announced it was withdrawing as a potential buyer for the

In a separate move Addi. 

The Court of Appeal yesterday reserved judgment on the case in which Kevin Maxwell is seeking to uphoid his right to remain silent in the face of questioning about the missing Maxwell

second reading of the bill,

said that the present fine was

£1,000, to be increased to

The debate became un-

characteristically bitter at

times, especially when Lord

Lucas of Chilworth, Conser-

vative, called the bill mean

and miserable. Lord Brent-

ford said he would much

rather be supporting a gov-

ernment bill for reforming

Sunday trading on a basis of

consensus. Law-breaking by

retailers was a deliberate

flouting of the criminal law.

The Bishop of Liverpool. Rt

Rev David Sheppard, said

that the government had a

big share in responsibility for

Lady O'Cathain, a director

of Tesco and a committed

Christian, found Sunday trading a difficult personal

issue. The strongest possible

efforts should be made to

ensure that those who did not

want to work on Sundays

should not have to. She op-

posed the bill.

the present state of the law.

£2,500 in October.

Lords seek rise in

Sunday trade fine

BY JOHN WINDER

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#### Halford case chief appointed

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A senior South Wales policeman is to investigate new allegations against Alison Halford, assistant chief con-stable of Merseyside (Stewart Tendler writesj.

Miss Halford has been accused of "discreditable conduct" in making "abusive and personally insulting "late-night telephone calls to the chief constable, an assistant chief constable, and to the chairman and deputy chairman of the Merseyside police authority. The allegations will be investigated by David Meilor, deputy chief constable of South Wales.

Last month, a High Court judge ruled that Merseyside unlawfully suspended Miss Halford in 1990 after a conduct by Sussex police. But last week the suspension was renewed and details of the

allegations published. Yesterday Rex Makin, her solicitor, said: "Undoubtedly, people who feel themselves to be persecuted react in a certain way. The whole thing has now become reminiscent of the Derek Hatton days when Liverpool was called Toy Town." He was angry that the confidential discussion of the earlier allegations was leaked to the media.

#### Fire bombs found in pub

Two fire bombs were found in the Marquis of Granby pub-lic house in Shaftesbury Avenue, central London, yester-day. Police said they had ignited some time ago, but fizzled out. They are believed to have been planted at the same time as IRA firebombs that damaged the nearby Cambridge public house last year. Unexploded bombs were also found later in a

book shop and a Tube train. The devices hidden behind bench seats in the Marquis of Granby were found by workmen on a refurbishment

#### **Back sufferer** awaits verdict

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rbia.

Judgment has been reserved until-next week in the case in which a back pain "lie detec-tor" machine was used for the first time to support a horsewoman's claim against a driver who crashed into her.

Annette Durrant, aged 34, of Learnington Spa. Warwickshire, is seeking £250,000 from Alexander McDonald of Allesley Park. Coventry, for injuries suffered after the accident in 1987. Mr McDonald has admitted liability to the High Court in Birmingham, but his insurers contest the amount of dam-

#### Petrol giants put up prices

Petrol prices are starting to rise again after a series of falls which pushed the cost of a gallon below pre-Gulf war levels.

Esso announced a 4.5p a galion (1p a litre) increase only a fortnight after cuts of 6-7p. The company blamed the move on the weakening of the pound against the dollar and a rise in international petrol prices. Mobil last night followed by raising the price of four-star leaded petrol from 215.9p to 220.5p (48.5p a litre) while unleaded will rise from 199 6p to 204.1p (44.9p a litre).

#### Radio 3 post

Nicholas Kenyon, music critic of the Observer and editor of Early Music, has been appointed the controller of BBC Radio 3 and will take up his position on March 1, the BBC said last night.

#### Free bank notes for readers

READERS of The Times and The Sunday Times who have started a collection of foreign banknotes after the launch last week of the Sunday Times International Currency Collection will receive two more free notes on Sunday and Monday.
A Peruvian 1,000 Intis

note will be given away with the The Sunday Times Magazine tomorrow and on Monday a Brazilian 1,000 Cruzado note will be given away with The Times.

The bank notes can be mounted in a special aibum which will be given away in The Sunday Times Magazine on January 26 and on Feb mary 2.

Details of how to obtain a presentation wallet of further notes to be added to the collection will be published.

### Victim's son faints in court

THE teenage son of an alleged murder victim collapsed in court yesterday while listening to grisly details of his mother's killing.

David Robertson, aged 16, was in court in Malaga as his stepfather's confession to the brutal murder of Aberdeenborn Alice Hutchinson was read out. As he was helped from court, he shouted in Spanish to his stepfather Stuart Hutchinson: "You beast." Hutchinson, aged 47, from Hartlepool, is accused of killing and chopping up his wife on the Costa del Sol nearly

Minutes earlier, the court had heard an impassioned plea from Mrs Hutchinson's father, James Davidson, aged 71, that his son-in-law be

three years ago.

jailed for life. "I want him put away for ever," Mr Davidson said. Hutchinson, handcuffed and sitting on the other side of the court, stared impassively.

The court was told that on the night of February 20. 1989, Hutchinson had had an argument with his wife at the family villa in the resort of Fuengirola, Mrs Hutchinson had tried to run out of the front door after Hutchinson hit her, but he had dragged her back to the bedroom and hit her haif a dozen times with a baseball bat until she died.

In a confession, Hutchinson described in gory detail how he drained his wife's body of blood in the bathroom and set up a makeshift marble slab on which to chop

her up. The task had taken him 40 hours. The court was told that Hutchinson kept his wife's entrails and the 38 bits of her body in buckets in the bathroom overnight before burning them in paint cans in the garden the next day. Hutchinson claims that his

wife left home after a row and went to London. In his summing up, Valentine Bueno, the state prosecutor, demanded a 25-year jai sentence for Hutchinson.

Hutchinson's lawyer. Pedro Apalategui, called for acquittal because no body had been found and Hutchinson had not had legal advice when he confessed.

A panel of three judges will give a verdict, expected with-

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> THE Duchess of York has **HERITAGE** walked into a new controver-TRAVELLERS sy by agreeing to attend a dinner-dance at a Florida club accused of excluding blacks and Jews.

Already besieged by questions about her relationship telephone reservations on Saturdays and Sundays with a Texas oilman, the duchess has accepted an invitation to a banquet tonight at the Everglades Club in Palm Beach, a watering hole for the

rich and famous. Local Jewish activists complain that the club prevents Jews from joining or visiting members there. Among prominent Jews said to have been turned away are Leonard Bernstein and Estee Lauder. "The Everglades Club has for decades maintained restrictive membership policies against Jews, blacks and others on the basis of their group identity," said Arthur Teitelbaum, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League. "They have an ugly,

nasty history. "Bigotry wears many suits of clothes. In some cases it is a hood and a sheet and in others it is the refined clothing of the upper class. The disease is the same, and anti-

semitism is surely a disease." The Anti-Defamation League complained to the British embassy in Washington but was told that the duchess was taking up a private invitation and that her

presence did not imply endorsement of the club's membership policies.

The dinner-dance is being given by a socialite named Maggy Scherer in honour of the actress Stefanie Powers and her pet social cause, the William Holden Wildlife Fund. The guest list is said to include several Jews, although it was not known how many planned to attend.

The controversy follows publication of photographs showing the Duchess of York with Steve Wyatt, the adopted son of a Texas oil tycoon, during a Mediterranean holiday in 1990.

Alan Hamilton, page 10

# Halfor case chi appoint

## Pavarotti fan aged 5 awarded £2.5m for birth blunder

A BRAIN-DAMAGED girl Carshalton. Surrey, where Al- we started buying more opera whose only real joy in life is exandra was born. She now opera - and Pavarotti in particular - stands to receive more than £2.5 million damages over the next 25 years.

A-High Court judge who approved the damages settlement for Alexandra Mulligan, aged five, was told by Michael Brent, her QC, yes terday that the music had a calming effect on her. Mr. Justice Rougier said: "She can tell Pavarotti from Domingo. She has good taste."

Now that Alexandra's financial future is secure, her parents plan to buy her a CD player so she can listen to her favourite music in style. The damages to wheelchairbound Alexandra, who suffered brain injuries through oxygen starvation at birth, will be even higher if she defies doctors predictions and survives beyond her estimated 30-year life span.

The structured settlement, based on annually increasing investment income, was agreed with Merton and Sutton health authority, responsible for St Helier's hospital.

lives with her family at Alwoodley, Leeds,

believe she will live longer Should she survive to the age of 60, she would receive more

than £16 million.

"She just loved it," Mrs Mulligan said. "We bought the record for her and she loved the other side as well. So

New gold

case jury

warned

THE trial of four men and a

woman accused of launder-

ing proceeds of the £26 mil-

lion Brink's-Mat robbery

began for the second time yesterday with the new jury

being warned to ignore spec-ulation about why the last one

Michael Austin-Smith, for

the prosecution, told the jury:

"Some of you may have read

trial, being tried before

another jury, came to a stand-

still last November. Some of

you may have read the press

speculation about the reasons

why, much of it inaccurate.

Please put it entirely out of

all to do with this case."

cerned."

proceeds.



Opera lover: Mrs Mulligan with Alexandra

#### Police deny promotion race bias

A POLICEMAN who was repeatedly rejected for promotion was trying too hard to achieve the rank of inspector, an industrial inbunal was told in Leeds yesterday.

Sergeant Raham Khan failed four times to be promoted despite having the full backing of his senior officers. After his last unsuccessful apbelieved his racial origin was being held against him because less qualified white candidates were promoted

ahead of him. Roger Emm. for West Yorkshire police, told the kribunal it was not unusual for officers to fail four times to become an inspector. The man who headed the final interview panel, Chief Supt Stuart Clough, said: "I defi-nitely did not take his racial background into consideration. I badly wanted him to become an inspector but he

gave a bad interview." Sergeant Khan, of Allerton, Bradford, claims racial discrimination, saying police blocked his promotion because he is Asian.

The hearing was adjourned unbtil March il. when a ruling will be given.



Where in Britain are the shortest hospital queues? Tomorrow The Sunday Times Good Hospital Guide will reveal how long you can expect to wait for your operation.



will also help you to decide when it's worth going private. As the debate over the state of the NHS becomes a key election issue. The Sunday Times offers an expert diagnosis. For the good of your health, read it

Focus on the health Service - in The Sunday Times tomorrow

The health authority admitted liability for Alexandra's injuries, which left her handicapped with cerebral palsy, unable to speak and needing constant care. Doctors estimate she will live for another 25 years. Money invested over that period will £2,529,962. Michael and Avril Mulligan, her parents,

After yesterday's agreement, Mr and Mrs Muligan talked of the unexpected discovery of their daughter's love of opera. Neither was an op-era fan, but they noticed during the televising of the soccer World Cup that she responded when she heard Pavarotti singing the Nessum Dorma

> al qualities both as a spiritual leader, preacher and pastor and as a husband and father. "John Raynes was not a man to whom financial rewards were a matter of any significance — he had a remarkable capacity to inspire and counsel all those with whom he came into contact. He had, moreover, a remarkable talent as a preacher and a particular gift for minister-ing to children. He had a charisma which appealed to many people and could preach in a manner which reached and touched many kinds of people whatever their

tapes. She obviously likes

some more than others, but

her musical taste is definitely

in this direction. As far as

stars are concerned, she defi-

nitely shows a preference for

Mr and Mrs Mulligan.

who were praised in court for

their devotion to their daugh-

ter, have taken her to perfor-

mances of Carmen and

Madame Butterfly. So far,

they have worn out four cas-

sette players. Now, Mrs Mul-

ligan said, the aim was to buy

Mrs Mulligan, a physio-

therapist, has also received

compensation for what hap-

pened at Alexandra's birth in

April 1986. She was awarded

£3,500 agreed damages at an

earlier court hearing for the pain, injury and loss she

☐ The family of a "charis-

matic" Baptist minister who

died at the hands of a drink

driver two years ago won a

damages award in the High

Court estimated at £200,000.

of the Rev John Raynes: "He

was a man of quite exception-

Judge Diamond, QC, said

a sophisticated CD player.

The court heard Mr Raynes died when a minibus struck his car on the Twerton to Combe Down Road near Bath on November 13, 1989. He left a widow, Rosemary. now aged 48, and three children — Timothy, 20, Andrew, 19 and Stephen, nine.
Michael Godfrey, the minibus driver, of Keynsham,

Bristol, was later convicted of causing death by reckless driving and driving with ex-





Firemen, top, putting out the blaze at Lord Cheshire's cottage at Greatham, Hampshire, yesterday, left, Lord Cheshire recovering in hospital, and, right, as a bomber pilot in the second world war

## Cheshire, VC, escapes house fire

THE war hero Lord Cheshire, VC, told yesterday of his escape from a fire in a cottage where he was sleeping. Looking relaxed and cheerful, the former Group

Captain Leonard Cheshire sat up in bed in hospital at Basingstoke, Hampshire, where he was taken after inhaling smoke, and said: "I feel fine." Lord Cheshire, aged 74, is expected to leave the hospital today.

Lord Cheshire, who took

part in 100 bombing missions in the second world war, had gone to a rural contage in the grounds of the Le Court Cheshire Foundation Home, near Liss,

Hampshire, to write an article defending "Bomber" Harris. An electric blanket he had put on to air a bed for his daughter Gigi - due to stay with him - caught fire and Lord Cheshire escaped from his bedroom through a window to a porch ledge.

Lord Cheshire waited there barefoot in the cold for 25 minutes waiting for the fire brigade to arrive and managed to grab his dressing gown through the open window, but left his slippers behind. "I remember saying to myself 'Get your priorities right', 'he said. "I was thinking, 'Forget your slippers'. I have read about people in

disaster situations and l have often read that people have gone back for one thing and that has been their undoing.

Lord Cheshire said that, in need of a restful night, he had unplugged the telephone "like a fool" so that he would not be disturbed. He woke about 4am to hear a noise that, at first, he thought was an intruder, before realising that it was a fire when he felt the heat.

The lights were not working, but, fumbling in the dark, he had managed to plug in the telephone and call the fire brigade as smoke began to enter his room.

As Lord Cheshire recov ered from effects of smoke inhaled into his only lung one was removed during the war after he contracted TBhe shrugged off his brush with death as "just another event" in an eventful life.

He said: "It's lucky I'm a light sleeper. I'd been asleep for six hours when I woke three more minutes, then would have been in trouble." He added: "I never realised what effect smoke has . . . It comes right into you."

Lord Cheshire yesterday contacted his wife. Sue Ryder, his fellow charity worker, by fax in Poland to tell her what had happened.

#### **Big Mac** protesters chew over latest setback

BY RAY CLANCY

THE McDonald's fast-food chain has won the latest round in its fight to open a burger restaurant in the affluent London suburb of Hampstead.

Camden council has conceded that planning permis-sion granted in 1988 for the High Street premises now leased by McDonald's is still valid, delivering a severe blow to residents who oppose the burger company's arrival. Paul Preston, president of the company's UK operation. said: "I am delighted and we are now proceeding full speed ahead."

McDonald's has still some way to go, however. The council says that the company must still seek planning permission for the restaurant frontage and for the installation of a ventilation plant and equipment. The application will go before the development sub-committee, and opposition is expected to be

Residents object on the grounds that the restaurant will not lit in with Hampstead's village atmosphere and will create a litter problem. Pamela Shipkey, of the Heath and Old Hampstead Society, which has campaigned against the move. said: "We can't understand it. We are continuing to take legal advice because we think that Camden has got it

wrong."
The council accepted that planning permission for a burger restaurant at the premises, at present a book shop, was still valid after Mc-Donald's threatened to take action in the High Court. It had previously invited the company to seek a formal

Mr Preston said: "Camden recognised that the position we took initially was sound and valid. I am just happy that we didn't have to take this thing further, wasting taxpayers' money."
Mr Preston said that Mc-

Donald's would consult with English Heritage and council planners to find a suitable design for the frontage

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#### Jail rioter 'acted like wild animal'

By RONALD FAUX

AN ALLEGED ringleader of the Strangeways riot was like a wild animal, screaming abuse and stripped to the waist, as he unlocked cells your minds. What happened and violence swept through in November has nothing at the jail, Manchester crown court was told yesterday.

He added: "Please do not Lawrence Murphy, a prislet anything you read then adversely affect you as far as on officer at Strangeways, said that he saw Paul Taylor, these defendants are conaged 24, who is charged with murder and riot, "high as a kite" with a set of prison keys. The court was told that profits from Britain's biggest "He came round above me on bullion robbery were launthe top of A4 landing and he dered at a rate of £1 million a looked me in the face. He said month. Huge sums were paid 'Right, you bastard, I'm the into banks in cash and then boss now. I have got the washed through accounts

f...g keys."

Taylor opened the gate leading to A4 landing and throughout the world Gordon Parry, aged 47, a property dealer, of Wester-ham, Kent, denies charges of unlocked doors and cells on the left-hand side before movhandling proceeds of the robing across to the right-hand side, Mr Murphy said. Prisbery, Brian Perry, aged 51, of Biggin Hill, Kent, Jean Savage, 46, a tobacconist, of West Kingsdown, Kent; Pat-rick Clark, 50, a property oners came from their cells and started throwing debris into the well of the block. Mr Murphy said that prison staff developer, of Chingford, east had twice been warned that London, and Stephen Clark, there might be trouble and all 23, a restaurateur, of Chinginmates not attending church ford, all deny one charge of service on Sunday, April 1, had been locked in their cells. plotting to handle the robbery

David Mitchell, a "trusty" prisoner at Strangeways when the riot broke out, said that he heard shouting and the smashing of glass outside his cell on the Sunday morning. His cell door was opened. "I could not believe it when I saw Paul Taylor with cell keys," he said. He saw Taylor working quickly along the row of cells in C wing. He had another prisoner with him "lifting the tally to see if

anyone was in the cells". As hundreds of prisoners left their cells and clambered on to scaffolding, Mitchell was told someone had been taken up to the gallery and was to be thrown off.

A row of cells in C wing held segregated prisoners including sex offenders. A prisoner went to one cell and said to Mr Mitchell: "Look in here, he has hung himself." Mr Mitchell said: "I could see a prisoner hanging by his neck with a shirt or tie tied to the bars."

Five men face murder and riot charges, three others are accused of riot. The hearing continues on Monday.

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## Ode brings island solace

By BILL FROST

BEETHOVEN has emerged an easy winner in a castaway hit parade compiled by the producers of Desert Island Discs to celebrate the programme's half century.

"Ode to Joy" from his Ninth Symphony was a clear favourite among those consigned to a palm-fringed isolation over the past 50 years. With two more top 20 hits. Beethoven dominates the chart which has few concessions to 20th-century music, apart from Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. "Mozart fails to feature at all, which is very. surprising." a programme spokesman said.

Margaret Thatcher, while still leader of the Opposition, showed catholic choice in her selection. Among her choices were Smoke Gets in Your Eyes and Introducing Tobac- Maria; 7, Mendelssohn's

co To Civilisation, a comic monologue by Bob Newhart. Neil Kinnock chose a recording of "Horace the Horse". performed by his daughter Rachel when she was two.

As the BBC made final preparations for a celebrity. party to mark the anniversary, John Major yesterday became the first serving prime minister to sit in the castaway's deckchair. The programme will be broadcast a week tomorrow.

Desert Island Discs Top

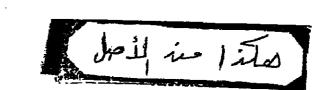
1. Beethoven O Freunde. nicht diese tone (Ode to Joy): 2. Debussy Clair de Lune: 3. Elgar Pomp and Circum-stance; 4. Wagner Liebestod from Tristan und Isolde; 5. Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue; 6, Bach/Gounod Ave

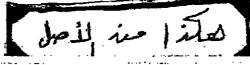
Nocturne from A Midsummer Night's Dream: S. Beethoven Symphony No 5; 9. "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah, 10. Verdi 'Dies Irae" from the Requiem.

11. Elgar Cello Concerto: 12. Beethoven Piano Concer-to No 5 third movement: 13, Finale from Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake: 14. Rachmaninov Rhapsody on a theme from Paganini; 15. Gounod

16. Elgar Nimrod from the Enigma Variations: 17. Vaughan Williams Fantasia on Greensleeves: 18. Bach Double Concerto for two violins and orchestra in D minor, 19, Wagner Ride of the Valkyries; 20, Charles Trenet La Mer.

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## Brooke envisages defeat for his stalled Ulster initiative



advance receding

PETER Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, perhaps making one of his last significant contributions to Irish politics, all but admitted yesterday that his latest talks-about-talks venture has

Speaking in Dublin after meeting Gerry Collins, the Irish foreign minister, he told the city's chamber of commerce: "The prospects of advance recede. The uncertainties of the outcome of the election, on the one hand, and the need on the other for a process of this kind to have a reasonable chance of continuing to a conclusion, provide understandable obstacles to progress now." The main problem this time has been the reluctance of unionists to commit themselves to continuing negotiations with the Social Democratic

The Northern Ireland talks have lasted two years. How far have they progressed and where do the parties stand? Edward Gorman reports

and Labour party after the general election if Labour wins.

Unionist leaders argue that given Labour's stated intention of working towards "unity by consent" in Ireland, they would be foolish to commit themselves in advance David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist party MP for Upper Bann, made clear that no amount of reassurance from Kevin McNamara, the shadow Northern Ireland secretary, this side of an election, would suffice. His party would need to talk to Labour in power to decide realistically whether to continue. That is a basic stumbling block which was foreseen by everybody - particularly the Northern Ireland Office - well before Mr Brooke tried to

restart the process in December. It calls into question the wisdom of attempting that restart in a period fraught with such uncertainties, especially given the tendency of the two main participants to look for any excuse to avoid coming to the table. One suspects Mr Brooke - about whom there is increasing speculation that he will not return to Stormont whatever the result of the election - may not have believed himself that real progress was possible before the election. He may have been goaded into action by an upsurge in violence during the autumn.

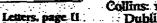
The breakdown has demonstrated again that the political will Mr Brooke has so often tried to imagine exists for reconciliation between unionists and nationalists still does not exist. The breakdown must also have serious implications for future policy. More than two years of failure in reaching consensus suggests that simply resurrecting the Brooke formula after the election will achieve nothing but more stalemate in the long

Critics of government policy from different viewpoints might argue that now is the time to abandon the search for powersharing devolution and revert to unionist-backed integration policies or, conversely, push ahead

with the Anglo-Irish agreement over the heads of the parties. A more likely possibility is for

the government to have another go at legislating a solution, something which John Allderdice, leader of the Northern Ireland Alliance party, again called for yesterday. He said that a future government should draw up legislation outlining a settlement based on Mr Brooke's researches and then, after consultation, start to make it a reality in Belfast.

☐ A part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment and three former members, all from Ballymoney in Co Antrim. appeared in court in Belfast yesterday on terrorist charges and were remanded in custody for a month.





Collins: met Brooke in Dublin yesterday

## **National lottery bill** collapses after MPs hold back their votes

By ROBERT MORGAN, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

A PRIVATE member's bill to allow the setting up of a nat-ional lottery fell at the first fence in the Commons yesterday. MPs failed to turn out in sufficient numbers to back it and a technical "closure" motion to end the debate failed to get through when fewer than 100 MPs voted for it. The voting was 84 to 35.

The government indicated scepticism about the bill, although Peter Lloyd. Home Office minister, did not rule out a lottery and promised an urgent study. He said that before the law was changed there had to be wide consulta-

Care man

jailed for

sex abuse

By KERRY GILL

A COUNCIL care worker

was jailed for five years yester-

day for sexually abusing

mentally handicapped men

and women in his charge.

Allan Stephen, aged 44, a

married man with two child-

ren, hid behind a mask of

respectability for eight years

before being caught, the High Court at Stonehaven,

Grampian, was told. Lord Marnoch, the judge.

said: "This was a gross

breach of trust, the emotional

and other consequences of

which are quite incalculable."

from Grampian social work

department, had been a care

officer for 20 years and also

looked after his wheelchair-

bound wife, who suffered

from multiple sclerosis, the

Stephen, of Aberdeen, ad-

mitted sex offences involving

two women and two men.

They included taking inde-

cent photographs of one

woman. The offences came to light when a victim told

another handicapped woman

to be careful of Stephen

because he was "sexy".

Andrew Lamb, for the defence, said: "I understand

that with the onset of his

wife's condition, their own

relationship necessarily

changed and that is the only

John Morris, advocate de-

pute, said that it seemed that Stephen had told his victims

that any complaint they made

explanation he can give."

would not be believed.

court was told.

Stephen, now dismissed

tions. The bill was introduced by Ivan Lawrence, a barrister and MP for Burton, to a House unusually crowded for a Friday. He tried to counter the arguments against a lot-tery from pools promoters, the anti-gambling fraternity and those speaking for small charities, who feared that they would lose income from

their own local draws. Mr Lawrence said that millions of players would take part and about £3 billion could be raised every year. This would be split between prize money, money for the beneficiaries, and adminis-

Ford puts

3.7% on

car prices

By Kevin Eason

MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

FORD is to increase prices by

an average 3.7 per cent with-

in days of the publication of

the Monopolies and Mergers

Commission report into ca

prices which are claimed to

be 30 per higher in Britain

Peter Lilley, trade and in-

dustry secretary, is expected to publish the findings of the

commission's 18-month en-

quiry next week. However,

Ford has already decided to

increase the cost of its cars

across the board from Janu-

ary 27 to head off rising costs

The move was criticised

yesterday by the head of Swan

National, one of Britain's big-

gest rental and leasing com-panies, which buys 35,000

new vehicles a year, including

Freddie Aldous, chairman

and chief executive, said:

This is the fourth price in-

crease since January 1991. It

is irresponsible if the motor

manufacturing industry in

the UK continues to increase

vehicle prices year after year

well in excess of annual

Mr Aldous, also a vice-

chairman of the British Vehi-

cle Rental and Leasing Association, added: "I urge

all vehicle manufacturers to

act responsibly to keep future

price increases to a mini-

mum, as all their customers

would apply across Europe.

Ford said the price rises

are having to do."

at its big plants.

many Fords.

inflation.

trative expenses and tax. It would provide much-needed funds to support sport, the arts and charities The bill was backed by the

Sports Council and the Arts Council and many other sporting and cultural bodies. Mr Lawrence rejected the

'old-fashioned" view that the poor had to be protected from wasting their money on gambling — the contention of the 19th century moralists who ended national lotteries in Britain in 1828. He discounted the pools companies' fears that they would have to shed jobs. He predicted a national lottery creating up to 18,500 jobs with many tickets sold through corner shops and sub-post offices, giving them much-needed income.

Peter Kilfoyle, Labour MP for Liverpool Walton, was the first of several MPs from Merseyside, home of the football pools industry, to criticise the bill. He called it a "dog's breakfast". David Alton, the Liberal Democrat from Liverpool Mossley Hill, said it gambled with people's jobs and promoted an Alice in

Labour sports minister, and Sir Richard Luce, a former Tory arts minister, backed

Wonderland game.

Mr Lloyd said that any bill to allow a national lottery had to contain provisions on how it was to be run, how the revenue was to be divided up and who was to be in control Mr Lawrence's measure did not contain these provisions.

But he added: "The gov ernment sees attraction in the concept of a national lottery and we wish to examine fur ther the issues which it

raises. ☐ A bill being rushed through Parliament to impose tougher penalties on joyriders after a spate of incidents last year was designed to impress newspapers rather than depress potential criminals, Lord Morris of Castle Morris, speaking for the Opposition, told the Lords.

Lady Mallalieu (Labour) said that a proper response would have been to increase maximum penalties for the basic offences of taking a vehicle and allowing oneself to be carried in an illegallytaken vehicle. The bill was bad law and ineffective. However, the Aggravated Vehicle-Taking bill was given

an unopposed second reading.



in Britain that she plans to put into practice in her native country. Viorica-Ioana Sladescu and two colleagues began the six-month visit yesterday by studying work on a tapestry at Hampton Court, London

## Publishers attack EC plan

**EUROPEAN** Community proposals to ban the advertising of tobacco and restrict that of other products are a direct attack on the freedom of the press, the European Publishers Council said yesterday.

The council, which represents some of Europe's most powerful publishing concerns, was meeting at Castlemartin, near Dublin, to agree a declaration of concerns stemming from what it sees as "potential interference" from the EC on the advertising of products from tobacco to pharmaceuticals. It called for the press in Europe to be allowed to regu-

late its own advertising. Representatives of the council, whose 19 members

By LOUISE HIDALGO include News International, which owns The Times, are to present the declaration to Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission,

at Brussels next month.

The declaration states that advertising content should be left to self-regulation in individual member states. It says that advertising revenues are vital in supporting "plural-ism, diversity and the freedom of the press" by allowing it to function profitably and freely, and that a free and independent press is a "fundamental institution in political democracies".

The declaration also covers tariffs on paper, which it calls on the commission to abolish, and readers' right to redress,

its members. Sir Frank Rogers, chairman of the council and deputy chairman of The Daily Telegraph, said that the principle of self-regulation had already proved itself successful in the UK and other member states. A ban on tobacco and alcohol advertising would "severly jeopardise" the commercial viability of magazines and newspapers

#### Japanese Nessie is toast of Scotland

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

KUSHI, the monster said to live at the bottom of a deep, dark lake in the north of Japan, is about to become the hero of Scotland by rescuing its tourist industry from the lingering effects of the Gulf

When officials from the Scottish Tourist Board went to Japan at the end of last year, they were astonished to discover that almost every-one they met wanted to talk about little but the Loch Ness monster. Scotland's legendary-tourist attraction, the Japanese said, has a rela-tive, which a series of television presenters had convinced them was alive and well and living at the bottom of Lake Kyüshü in Bihoro province.

So great was Japan's interest that the tourist board is mounting two campaigns there, taking with it dozens of green furry toys represent-ing Nessie. The board hopes that they will help to woo Japanese travel agents to send their camera-toting clients who, the Scots are convinced, will stand far more chance of seeing Nessie than her long-lost cousin Kushi.

We have discovered that the Japanese are interested in the Loch Ness monster, golf, whisky, tartans and Burns, in that order," Ian Grant, chairman of the Scottish Tourist Board, said. 'Our research shows that all the indications are that the 36,000 Japanese who came to Scotland in 1990 and again in 1991 will rise sharp-ly to over 100,000 by 1994."

The influx of Japanese visitors will not come a moment too soon. Scotland is bracing itself for a sharp fall in the number of English tourists. in 1991 the number of visitors from south of the border increased by almost 20 per cent, while the number of Americans fell by 25 per cent. But the trend which helped to give Scotland the best tourist figures of any part of Great Britain last year is set to go into reverse. When the Channel tunnel is opened in 1994 more English families, especially from the South-east, will head for continental Europe, the

Scots fear. That makes the

Japanese — and Kushi

even more important.

#### Thief stole rare birds worth £18,000

A thief travelled to 200s, country houses and garden centres around the country to steal rare birds worth over E18,000. Norwich crown court was told yesterday. Edward Hannibal was caught after he and an accomplice triggered an alarm at Kilverstone Park, a country house in Norfolk.

Hannibal, aged 40, a car-per finer of Ware, Hertfordshire, was failed for 21 months, suspended for two vears, after admitting aggravated burglary, trespassing with intent to steal, and having an offensive weapon. Gordon Brace, aged 22

and unemployed, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, who went on two raids, was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, suspended for two years, after admitting similar offences.

Crash escape

A businessman escaped with cuts and bruises after the helicopter he was piloting crashed into a field near Bracknell, Berkshire and burst into flames. Jim Crockett, aged 37, of Barnet, north Emdon, managed to walk nearly 600 yards to a farm-house to get help.

Deadly dispute A woman who set light to her ighbour's house killin her, because her puppy would not stop barking was cleared of murder at Nottingham crown court. Lillian Ramsay, aged 36, of Basford, Nottingham, admitted manslaughter and arson and was jailed for ten years.

Forgery charge A barman appeared before Brent magistrates in north London charged with unlawful possession of 60 million forged Dutch guilders (£20 million). Andrew Thomas Bourke, aged 44, of Willesden, was remanded in custody for a week.

Rapist jailed

A Coventry man was jailed for crown court after admitting a series of rapes at knifepoint.
Andrew Singh, aged 31,
admitted one charge of attempted rape and four charges of rape over two years.

## Book lovers pen sequel to Soviet plea of '45

ture, which changed its

distribute a million English-

150,000 of which have al-

Ekaterina Genieva, deputy

director of the library, said:

"History has a tendency to

repeat itself. I'm very happy

and you should be very

proud that history has re-

ready arrived in Moscow.

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA

STUDENTS of Russian intellectual life may find Book Aid's invitation to the public to donate books for Russia and the republics next week oddly familiar. This is not the first time that the West has been asked for literary aid by the libraries of the former Soviet Union. Almost 50 years ago, Mar-

garita Rudomino, founder and director of the Library for Foreign Literature in Moscow, told the Western press that the war-torn Soviet Union needed one million English-language books to restock the libraries of Russia's largest cities, ransacked by Nazi troops.

Most of what little they left went up in flames during battle or when they torched cities upon the approach of the Red Army," Miss Rudomino told an American reporter in 1945. "There were



books in the Kharkov public library, 15,000 of them in English, and in Rostov there were 17.000 English volumes. They are all gone."

Today, her successors are making a similar plea for help, this time to repair the literary damage wrought by the politics of the cold war. The M.I. Rudomino State 40,000 foreign language Library for Foreign LiteraNational Book Aid Week lasts from Monday January 20 to Sunday January 26, Books may be handed in at Heffers. 20 Trinity St. Cambridge: Blackwell. 50 Broad St. Oxford: H.J. Lear. Royal Arcade, Cardiff: Hammick's. Farnham (both branches): and the following branches of Waterstone v. London: Charing Cross Rd. Croydon. Covent Garden. Hampstead, Kingston upon Thames, Notting Hill Gate, Richmond, Wimbledon: Aberdeen: Bath (4/5 Milsom St): Birmingham: Bournemouth: Brighton: Bristol (The Galleries. Broadmead): Cante-bury: Chelicnham: Edinburgh (Princes SI and George SI): Eastbourne: Exeter: Glasgow (Princes Sq): Guildford (North St): Lancaster, Leeds 193/97 Albion Sti: Liverpool (52 Bold Sti: Maidstone:

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name in honour of its founder in 1990, hopes to In 1945, the Soviet Union requested volumes of poetry. language books as Book novels by writers such as Hemingway. Steinbeck and Aid's Russian partner. Priestley and classic texts by Shakespeare. Chaucer and Milton. Fiction remains in demand today, but modern tastes are broader. Requests have been made for works of

philosophy, technical man-

uals, ecological books, reli-

peated itself through Book gious books, and, unexpectedly, detective stories.

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Children's books are also in short supply in Russia and the republics. The Rudomino library held a Christmas party for 520 children this month, at which each child was given a book provided by Book Aid. The library hopes that many more children will benefit from next week's national

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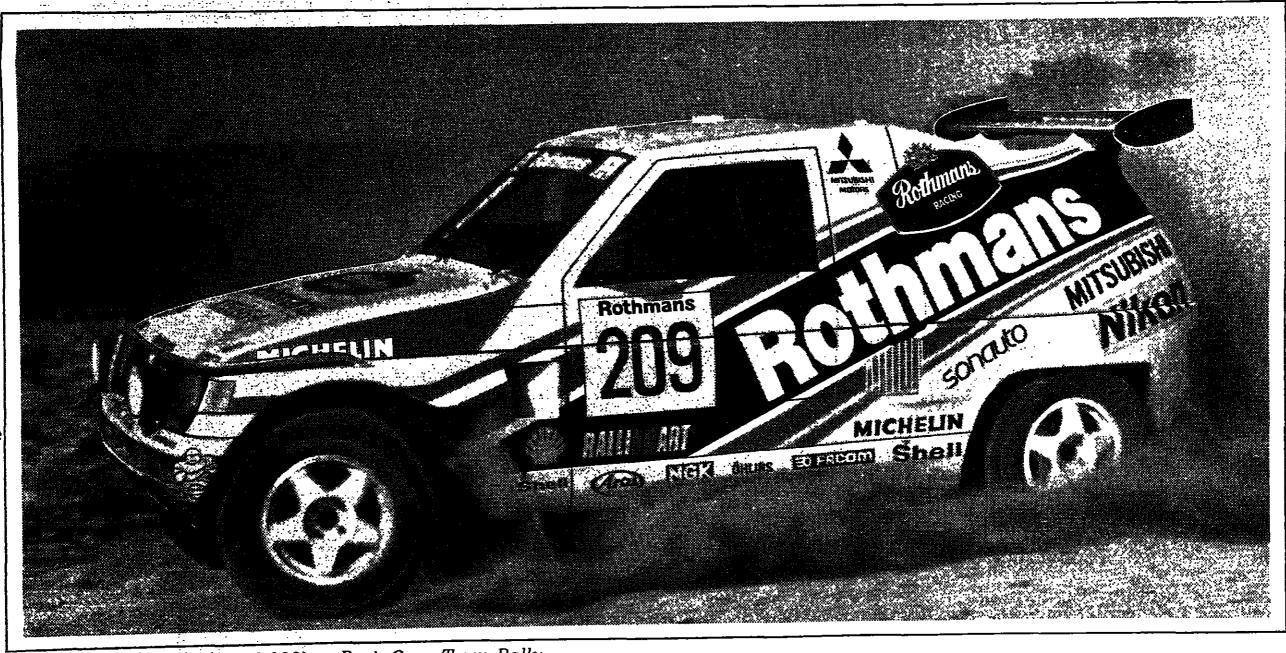
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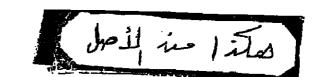


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## Speedy microwaves can spoil the flavour

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SCIENTISTS may have proved what gourmets have suspected for some time: while food cooked in microwaves might be on the dinner table faster it is generally less tasty than conventionally cooked food.

Studies by two chemists have found that the chemical reactions which give cooked food its flavours are not given enough time to flourish in microwaves.

Worse still, microwaving can create some chemicals which give foods "off" flavours such as burnt, pungent or fishy tastes - fine crême brulée or kippers but bad

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN

IN A world first for Austra-

lian artificial birth pioneers, a delighted Sydney couple yesterday showed off their

baby daughter conceived by a

revolutionary micro-injec-

years trying to have a family,

Annabel Shortte conceived

when sperm from her hus-

band John was injected di-

rectly into the outer shell of

her eggs using a fine needle.

storage, the fertilised eggs were replaced in her womb

where one grew successfully into a healthy 81b 7oz baby,

It's wonderful," Mrs Shortte said. "I couldn't believe it, I

Mrs Shortte gave birth on Wednesday night after a 12-hour labour in Sydney's Roy-al North Shore Hospital.

Holding Madeline in her

hospital bed yesterday. Mrs

Shortte told reporters that

she and her husband want

another child by the new

John Shortte said there

were times when it was diffi-

cult to carry on with the treatment. The Shorttes' pre-

vious attempts to conceive

included four years of in-vi-

tro fertilization treatments.

Artificial insemination by

donor was tried 13 times.

We did go on and here is

'She's here. It's a miracle.

After nine unsuccessful

Beware the fishy flavour in your souffle. Cooking with a microwave oven is all a question of taste, reports Nick Nuttall

The findings have been made by Helen Yeo and Takayuki Shibamoto at the university of California who studied the effects of cooking

bread, cakes, meat and vegetables in a microwave oven. The researchers harnessed a system known as the Maillard reaction which predicts how the sugars and proteins found in food will

combine during cooking. De-

After nine long years baby

pending on how these reactions occur desirable or undesirable flavour chemicals will be made.

The good ones, called thiazoles, cafurans and pyrazines, give foods a wide range of tasty flavours including meaty, caramel, buttery, roasted and nutty tastes.

The "off" chemicals are called thiophens, pyrroles and oxazoles which give food less appetising fishy, burnt

and rubbery flavours and ones which resemble the taste of hay, boiled corn and vegetables.

The studies found that in each of the tests fewer of the "tasty" chemicals were created and in some cases some of the "off" ones were also made during microwaving.

In cakes, for example, the chemicals that give food mutty and caramel flavours were in short supply or absent.

Microwaved meat had only a third of the proper flavour chemicals than meat cooked to the same degree in an ordianry oven.

Tastings confirmed the findings. People eating the cakes, for example, claimed they tasted a bit like green vegetables which comes from the presence of oxazole compounds. The researchers, whose

findings are published in Trends in Food Science and Technology, believe that the temperatures are too low and the cooking times too short in microwaves for the right flavour chemicals to develop. The findings have sur-

prised few of Britain's leading chefs. Michel Roux of Le Gavroche in Mayfair, central London, said yesterday that he had never used a microwave at the restaurant.

"I have a microwave at home but use it only to warm baby milk. I can understand why odd flavours appear with microwaves because of the way they work," he said.
"In cakes say where there is

a high sugar content, the sugar will burn before the cake cooks and you will get a bitter taste," said Mr Roux. Gary Rhodes, of the Green-

house Restaurant, also in Mayfair, who is trying to revive slow-cooking methods such as braising, stewing and pot-roasting, said: "Micro-wave cooking has to be taken for what it is. It is cooking for convenience and like all or most convenience foods it is not the way food should or could be." Only slow-cooking gave sugars, for example, the chance to caramelise, he said. "Instant cooking, two,

three or even ten minutes, gives you no chance at all of creating real flavour," Mr

Food and drink



Pioneer trio: the Shorttes with Madeline yesterday

living proof that there is light at the end of the tunnel," Mr Shortte said.

Australia and Britain have been at the forefront of IVF research since the Seventies. Work is to continue in developing the micro-injection technique. Doctor Ric Por ter, of the Royal North Shore Hospital, said: "It shows how developed freezing techniques are and how robust that technique is. And in fact how strong the human embrvo can be.



Taking off: Flight Lieutenant Cox taking to the cockpit of her Hawk yesterday

#### Woman pilot has, Tornado in sights

THE RAF's first woman fighter pilot yesterday began to learn the aerial combat skills necessary to achieve her elite ambitions.

Flight Lieutenant Sally Cox; aged 29, is the first woman to take the 17-week tactical weapons course in the 600mph Hawk jet training aircraft at RAF Chivenor. Devon. With ten male pilots, Fit Lt Cox, from Ipswich, Suffolk, will learn how to divebomb, fire the Hawk's 30mm camen on ground and air targets, and simulate combat.

Her ambition is to score another female first by flying the Tornado F3 fighter which forms Britain's front-line air defence. First Fit Li Cox, who was presented with her wings last month, must pass the physically and mentally demanding tactical weapons course, which involves two hours flying a day.

Fit Lt Cox spent six years as an RAF flying controller before becoming one of the first two women to take the iet aircraft training course two years ago when the RAF women to fly. Already the holder of a private pilot's licence with 90 hours of flying ime, she was selected for fast jet training following a change in government policy last December and after completing some advanced flying training.

She says that being able to fly jets has been "a dream come true. It is a really bril-liant job, which I would do for less pay. The thrill is do-ing a hundred different ings at the same time, getting the job done, sometimes flying 250 ft above the ound at 400 moh.

#### WI gives up the struggle

After more than 60 years of jam and Jerusalem, the Women's Institute at Lyme Regis, Dorset, has disbanded because none of its members is willing to take on the responsibility of high office.

The national federation said yesterday that over the last decade, numbers had declined nationally by 90,000 to 310,000. One of the newest members at Lyme Regis, Mrs Bill Hargreaves, offered to be a member of the committee but would not undertake the onerous duties which come with a title.

Mrs Hargreaves is 91 and said that younger members of the 24-strong branch, average age about 70, would be better able to handle the strain.

News plea

Brussels: The International Federation of Journalists called on Israel to lift restrictions on Palestinian journalists and press censorship in Israel and the Israeli-occupied Arab territories. (AFP)

Dropping in

Paris: A 20-year-old man threw himself out of his 11th floor bedroom window after a row with his parents, then took the lift back up and rang the door to go in to wait for paramedics. (AFP)

Tourist record

Hong Kong: A record six Hong Kong in 1991 with pan and Southeast Asian countries heading the list. The total rose 1.7 per cent over 1990 to 6.032,081. (AFP)

Saving jaws

Washington: Federal regputting dozens of shark species under protection because they are threat-ened by fishing.

Small claim

Besancon: A dwarf who

calls himself "Mister Skyman" and makes his living being tossed in competitions plans to fight recent orders to halt the practice, claiming it deprived him of his job. (AP)

Model buses

Derby: Chesterfield Transport bus company bought by employees from Chesterfield Council in 1989, is being used as a case study for privatisation techniques at Moscow's Academy of National Economy.

#### Rockefeller hands on the torch

passed on the torch of its multi-billion-dollar empire to the fourth generation, naming David Rockefeller, Jr. aged 50, to head the family's affairs. "It certainly is a significant step in the history of the family, said David Rockefeller, aged 77, patriarch of the family for the past

American director Spike Lee, who has previously forbidden South African cinemas to show his films, makes his first trip to the country next week to shoot part of a film, Any Means Necessary, about Malcoks X in the Johannes-

burg township of Soweto.

Jimmy Carter said in Atlanta that more of the world's less-

wars and ethnic disputes than he can handle. A meeting of 200 "eminent persons" at Carter's presidential library. of his "negotiating network".

was appointed Chancelior of Durham University. Sir

for his help in resolving civil from more than 60 nominations by the university's senare and council.

marks the first formal session. Former Washington mayor Sir Peter Ustinov landed a ed that a visitor engaged in a new role yesterday when he sex act with him in front of ing a six-month term for transferred to a medium-

Journalists have awarded the 1991 European media prize to Irish President Mary Robon. She will accept the award from Picter Van Wollenhoven, husband of Princess Margriet of The Netherlands, at a ceremony in the Dutch royal palace on Peter, aged 70, was selected. April 15.

#### In Malta, good sports are always welcome. Divers and windcourse and, as the sun dips

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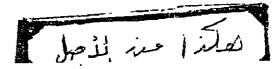
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## Fighters rally to flag of ousted leader in Georgia

GEORGIA's military council moved to block Zviad Gamsakhurdia's advance as he mustered his followers in the west of the country for a march on the capital.

The new regime's troops were seeking to confine the activity of the deposed presi-dent's men to as small an area as possible around his power base in Zugdidi, the heartland of the Mengrel clan to which Mr Gamsakhurdia belongs. The town, where he proclaimed "civil war" at a mass meeting on Thursday. provided many of the loyal troops who died defending him during the recent fighting in Tbilisi. It is believed to be seething with bitterness over its "martyrs"

He returned there on Thursday and held a huge rally calling for an armed



#### **Favourite** despot stands by

By BRUCE CLARK

ONLY days ago, the Tbilisi intelligentsia sat down to tables groaning with food and wine in an atmosphere of light-headed joy.
The return of calm to their

beloved city, and above all the expulsion of a president accused of creating a climate of philistine repression, suspitoo good to be true. As things turned out, the surprise was from the intelligentsia's point of view, too good to last. Whatever designs are being worked out over the heads of this ancient nation, they do not include anything so simple as a clean, quick victory for its cosmopolitan elite over populist authoritarianism.

Às Zviad Gamsakhurdia. the deposed president, gathers forces and regional differences resurface, there is one respect in which the "good times" for which the intelligentsia yearns may come back. The return to Georgia of Eduard Shevardnadze. whose enlightened despotism as local party boss is recalled with fondness in the salons of Tbilisi, looks more likely than at any time since he was first elevated to the Soviet foreign ministry back in 1985.

Prospects for his return do not just hinge on his credentials as a peace-broker. Mr Shevardnadze has suggested that through his contacts he could restore prosperity.

march on Tbilisi. As forces loyal to the new Georgian regime massed in the town of Kutaisi, Gia Chanturia, a leading nationalist politician and leader of the National Democratic party, forecast in Moscow that "within a fortnight, the problem of Gamsakhurdia will not exist either in western Georgia or

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eastern Georgia". He foresaw bloodshed, but not outright civil war as Mr Gamsakhurdia struggled to reassert control over the republic from which he was forced to flee on January 6. only to make a surprise return 10 days later.

Mr Chanturia, who was freed from jail during the recent fighting in Tbilisi, claimed that a wealthy Georgian emigre was providing money and guns to assist the ousted president's attempt to regain power. "Naturally, we are doing all we can to stop this process," he said.

Georgia's new rulers faced growing problems on two fronts yesterday as local leaders in the South Ossetian ethnic war zone confirmed plans to hold a referendum tomorrow on uniting their region with North Ossetia. which is part of Russia on the other side of the Caucasus.

Tbilisi's military council. which has extended an olive branch to the Ossetian minority and accused Mr Gamsakhurdia of practising "genocide" against it, de-nounced the plebiscite as an attempt to undermine the peace process it had started. Up to 500 people have been killed over the past year in fighting between Georgians and Ossetians. The fighting has helped to poison relations between Mr Gamsakhurdia's government and Russia.

The commander of Moscow's 500,000-strong army in Transcaucasia, General Valeri Patrikeyev, yesterday denounced the continual violent raids on military barracks that took place when Mr Gamsakhurdia was in power. At vesterday's officers conference in Moscow, General Patrikeyev reiterated his should come under the jurisdiction of President Yeltsin's Russian government.

Asked about the mounting speculation that Eduard Shevardnadze might take over the leadership of his native republic, Mr Chanturia said the former foreign minister was a "very serious politician who could help resolveGeorgian problems. though not necessarily in the role of president.

• London: Britain has recognized the republics of Kirghizia and Tajikistan after their acceptance of the European Community guidelines on the recognition of new states in Eastern Europe and the for-mer Soviet Union (David Watts writes). Georgia is the only remaining such state not to be recognised by Britain.

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Rock rejoicing: a jubilant Joe Bossano greeting supporters yes-terday after being re-elected chief minister of Gibraltar for a second term. He took almost three-quarters of the vote. The result will signal to Britain and Spain that there is little hope of progress on the dispute over sovereignty unless

Madrid is prepared to reconsider its stand (Dominique Searle writes). The issue could lead to confrontation early this year when Anglo-Spanish talks on Gibraltar are to be held. Spain is vetoing the European Community's external frontiers convention on the ground that Madrid does not agree with

the EC's recognition of Gibraltar's status in the Community, to which the colony gained admittance on Britain's accession. The convention is due to be signed by December to define the single market's bound-aries. Mr Bossano has put two tasks at the top of his agenda. The

the 1969 Gibraltar constitution to make it both less colonial and more in accord with developments in the EC. His second task is to set up a co-operation council with the nearby Spanish port of Algerias to encourage economic co-operation outside the political constraints of

## Serb hostility remains as UN peacekeepers deploy

BY ANNE MCELVOY IN KARLOVAC AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

UNITED Nations peacekeepers embarked on their first deployment in Croatia's war zone yesterday, moving into positions on either side of the front lines. A convoy of white vehicles

flying the UN flag left Zagreb to begin organising liaison between the federal army and independent Croatia in the hope of strengthening the present ceasefire to allow a full UN force to be deployed. Four officers also left Belgrade for the Serbian side of the line and two others are to be stationed in Bosnia.

The first group of three officers, accompanied by an

armed police guard, reached Karlovac, the industrial city on the Kupa river, 35 miles south of Zagreb, yesterday afternoon. Earlier they had held consultations with Colonel Imro Agotic, the head of the Croatian forces, who told them: "I hope you have a pleasant stay and that peace will be established soon."

But, in a bitter outburst against "treason at the top of the state and army", a senior Yugoslav army general has promised that his men will not leave Serb-controlled areas inside Croatia. General Andrija Biorcevic said that, because politicians were

#### Sniper kills British journalist in Osijek

A BRITISH photographer was shot dead yesterday in the eastern Croatian town of

Paul Jenks. aged 26. who was working for EPA, the Frankfurt-based European press photo agency, was hit in the head by a sniper's bullet on the front line. He reached hospital but died on the operating table in the afternoon. Osijek's crisis centre said. He was the 22nd journalist to be killed covering the conflict in Yugoslavia.

Jenks had entered the trenches on the southern flank of Osijek with Hassan Amini, a freelance British photographer. They had been working in the town for several weeks. The Croatian guards who accompanied them reported that Jenks had been hit by a single bullet fired from the enemy trenches



operating table in the Serb-held village of Antunovac, as he stood up to take a photograph. They added that he was shot on the town's southern line of defence in the suburb of Brijest. Mr Amini is unhurt. Europe-

an Community observers

have also come under fire.

"playing all sorts of games to keep themselves in power, there is nothing left but to go on fighting until the victory over fascism ... for this general there will be no withdrawal". Without "treason" at the top of the army and among the Serbian opposition, he said, "Serb territories would be secured and we would have dictated terms to the European Community".

One of three Britons among the UN peacekeepers is Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew Taylor, from Ledbury in Herefordshire. Yesterday he began work organising the transfer of UN communications equipment brought in from Italy to Belgrade. He is optimistic that the UN's experience and influence could

All the UN officers have been drafted in from existing deployments. Their senior li aison officer, Colonel John Wilson, an Australian, admitted that they had been brought together at short notice and apologised to his hosts for his inability to get his tongue round the names of the 11 areas where his

troops are to be stationed. President Cossiga of Italy, which yesterday became the second country after Germany to establish diplomatic relations with Croatia, has arrived in Zagreb, the first head of state to visit the republic since it gained EC recognition on Wednesday. newspaper In Zagreb today the parliament will pass a law annul-ling Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac's 1946 trial and ness for me." conviction for Nazi collaboration. Under the communists the then archbishop of Zagreb was sentenced to 16

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years' hard labour and loss of

civic rights.

#### Hitler conquers the best-seller lists across East Europe

FROM ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

HITLER'S Mein Kampf. freshly translated into Slav languages, is a best seller in bookshops and on street mar-kets from Warsaw to Sofia. Thousands of glossy paper-back versions of Hitler's master-plan are being sold, mainly to young people, in Eastern Europe.

In Poland the book has overtaken popular fiction as the most sought-after paperback. Three days ago the price was about £2, but by yesterday the price had dou-bled. Even then, a trader in the underpass near Warsaw central station had almost to fight off customers.

Demand for the book may be influenced by growing na-tionalism in Eastern Europe. Although serious nationalist politicians try to steer of fascism, young skinhead groups are not so fussy. Skinheads in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary favour Nazi insignia and tattoo swastikas on their arms.

Most purchasers are simply curious about a book that was top of the communist censorship lists. One customer in Warsaw said: "I am going to read it, but I do not think it will make me a Nazi." He bought 28 copies claiming it would soon be banned and its black-market value would rise. A dealer told the Warsaw Gazeta Wyborcza, that he had sold 150 copies in two hours. "I am not ashamed of selling Hitler," he said. "It is busi-

There may, however, be something more sinister involved. It is strange that the Polish and Bulgarian transiations (both from English rather than German) have



Hitler: his words cast spell on new generation That suggests a degree of coordination, and perhaps forpolice cannot track down the publisher. Werset, the company whose name is on the cover, seems not to exist. The translaters cited inside the book used pen names.

The introduction was written anonymously. The printers carried out the order without checking the identity of the publisher. In Sofia, as in Warsaw, the publishers risk prosecution, so some bookshops are refusing to touch the book. In those cases. Mein Kampf is sold from picnic tables set up outside the shop. The initial Polish print run

was 20,000. They reached the bookshops on January 9 and within a day most had been sold. But more are appearing, unloaded at night and on sale on the street the next morning. In Warsaw, a city wrecked by Hitler, the sale of the book leaves a bitter taste. "Hitler is suddenly everywhere," said a middleaged woman, "and I thought we had got rid of him."

#### **Austria** arrests neo-Nazi group

Vienna: Austrian police said yesterday they had broken up an armed neo-Nazi paramilitary group which was aiming to overthrow the government (Brenda Fowler writes).

Three men, including the group's suspected leader, Hermann Ussner, aged 49. have been arrested on suspicion of violating Austria's laws against Nazi activities, Gunther Bogl. president of the Austrian state police, told a press conference. Police had identified 21 members of the group, called Defence Sport Club Trenck, in the past two weeks, after a man was beaten up by skinheads.

Herr Bögl said that no concrete plans had been worked

out against the government. but documents seized in searches of group members' houses showed they had connections with American and Canadian groups and had participated in paramilitary training, planning to overthrow the government. The confiscated weapons are said to include sub-machineguns and pipe bombs.

#### Election call

Athens: Andreas Papan dreon, the former Socialist prime minister, demanded immediate elections after a court cleared him in a corruption trial. He said the conservarive government had won power by deceiving Greek voters. (Reuter)

Treaty scrapped Heisinki: Finland and Russia are to scrap a 1948 treaty binding the Finns to protect the Soviet Union from attack. and to sign a non-aggression pact. Commentators had seen the treaty as a restriction on Firmish sovereignty and neutrality. (Reuter)

Last post

Frankfurt: The US Army's 3rd Armoured Division was deactivated at its barracks here, ending 50 years' service. The division was raised in Louisiana in 1941 and took part in the Normandy landings in 1944 and the Gulf war last year. (AP)

#### Breast test

Guciph. Ontario: A woman who strolled bare-breasted to prove women should have the was fined £37. The judge said anyone who thought male and female breasts were the same was not living in the real world. (Reuter)

#### Forest help

Tokyo: Japan and the European Community have agreed to co-operate in preserving tropical forests and rebuilding nuclear power plants in Eastern Europe. Laurens Jan Brinkhorst, the EC's director-general for the environment, said. (Reuter)

#### Synod called

Rome: The pope called a synod of Roman Catholic bishops for the autumn of 1994. The Vatican said the pontiff had chosen as its theme "religious life and its mission in the church and in

## Bogus bubbles bring a rum affair in Cuba to court

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

A BOTTLE of vintage champagne bearing the noble label of Moët et Chandon stands as exhibit i in a Paris court tion" case is now unfolding.

Is it the real thing, or one of 50,000 or more impostors allegedly slipped on to the world market by an enterprising Frenchman who turned cheap white wine into finest bubbly in a factory in Havana?

According to the prosecution, Jean-Claude Remaury was guilty of a bare-faced swindle that netted him millions of francs at the expense of Moët et Chandon's profits and good name. With M Remaury in the dock, accused of complicity in the affair, is Charley Delmare, fine wine expert and proprietor of the celebrated Maison du Champagne in one of the more

sclect quartiers of Paris. They are alleged to have secured the approval of the Castro regime to set up what amounted to a "parallel" production line, using the most modern equipment to transform a modest blanc de blanc from Anjou into a superficially convincing copy of the Brut

impérial that sells for about 250 francs (£25) a bottle in According to yesterday's Le Figuro, particular care was

taken with forging the labels that went on bottles imported from France: copying Moet et Chandon's technique minutely, they carried a laser-printed reference number, invisible to the naked eye but useful as a mark of "authenticity" in dealing with knowledgeable

buyers. M Remaury is said to have decided to try his hand in Cuba after abandoning a budding career in politics that took him into well placed socialist circles. The deal with Fidel Castro's officials seemed straightforward enough: M Remaury was left alone as long as he stayed out of politics and passed on a share in the profits to the state-owned rum factory where the phoney stuff was to

be bottled. At some stage, a son-in-law of General Manuel Noriega. the deposed dictator of Panama, was enlisted to establish a front company there and later an export office was customs investigators suspect that many more than 50,000 bottles of the phones champagne may have been sold before a German customer. puzzled by finding none of Brut Imperial's distinctive qualities in a sample glass. referred his consignment to the local fraud squad.

After an investigation that

began in 1989, about 20,000 bottles were seized in Germany and as many again in The Netherlands: the French end of the enquiry was completed when M Remaury changed planes at Roissy-Charles de Gauile airport. Charged with a variety of offences, he and M Deimare have denied them all and insisted in court that the Cuban operation was intended simply to produce a fizzy blend of white wine and fruit

For its part. Moet et Chandon takes the affair with great seriousness, even if every last take bottle is now off the market. As Gucci. Chanel. Louis Vuitton and many another great name in the luxury trade has discovered to its cost, counterfeiters are getting better and bolder.

#### Scandals rock Paris parties

BY PHILIP JACOBSON

THE first of the 1992 crop of French political scandals is upon us, and, as usual, dirty money is at the heart of things. Sparked by a judicial raid on the headquarters of the ruling Socialist party this week by order of an investigating magistrate looking into campaign financing, it has biossomed swiftly into the familiar exchange of accusations and insults across the main party divides.

On all past form, a counteroffensive was to be expected after the raid on the Socialists' HQ. The seasoned political observer would see it in the subsequent swoop by tax authorities on the offices of a publishing company run by the main conservative faction, the RPR party. Even to a nation notably

cynical about the integrity of its elected representatives. this latest round in a longnunning saga of affaires involving dummy companies, non-existent consultants, and phoney invoices serves to underline once again the corrupting influence of hard cash in French politics.

#### French villages slide into the red in run-up to the Winter Games

In three weeks time, the Liny commune of Brides-Les-Bains in the French Alps will become famous around the world as the 1992 Winter Olympics gets under way. Some 2,000 athletes will be based here in a spanking new games village on snow-covered slopes above what was once a spa for the sedate and

Like most neighbouring communes, Brides-les-Bains — which had been finding the spa trade increasingly unrewarding -had lobbied furiously for a share in the greatest event ever staged in the region. Landing one of the Olympic plums was considered a triumph, and there was a proud new slogan: "Bridesles-Bains, 600 inhabitants. 600 metres of altitude, 600 million francs (£62 million) to invest in the games".

But as the great day approaches, all the talk is of a looming financial disaster for the entire commune. Five years after embarking on its Olympic spending spree. Brides-les-Bains faces bankruptcy, with a budget deficit of approxi-

Tiny communities in the Savoy Alps are counting the cost of playing host to Olympic sportsmen, Philip Jacobson reports

inhabitant.

" Come to see our monument to folly?" asked an elderly man outside the boulangerie, gesturing at the new casino-cum-town hall, all steel and reflecting glass. "Worth a gold medal on its own, eh?" or one of the lunch-

Fine drinkers in La Parisienne, it was all the fault of the mayor, Jean-François Chedal. "Outsiders kept pressuring him to build this and renew that, it was only when they did the final accounts that the mayor discovered we were in the shit." One French magazine had described the projects undertaken at Brides-les-Bains as "quasi pharaonniques", he added, almost proudly, but at least the bailiffs could not tear up the fine new pavements laid specially for the games.

Half an hour's drive fur-

mately 100,000 francs per ther up the winding moun tain road, another little commune, Pralognan-la-Vanoise, population 650, is counting the cost of Olympic fever. Eager to host some big crowd-puller like skating or ice hockey, the

mairie dug deep to find the

cash for a superb 30-mil-

lion-franc ice-rink. Alas,

Prolognan was allocated

curling, which is not an Olympic event at all. The recent discovery that Pralognan's Olympic outlay had consumed well over twice its total annual revenue led to a voters' revolt that overthrew the mayor. But even after some desperate refinancing the bank-

ers are closing in.
With problems like this, the last thing the worst affected Savoyard communes needed was their fourth bad season on the trot. Although the French Alps

now have snow in abun-

torway for almost 48 hours after the first blizzards arrived — bookings for next month are sharply down on previous years. The prospect of facing Olympic prices and Olympic crowds evidently does not appeal.

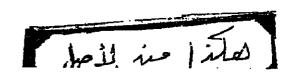
D own in Albertville, the host city, the Olympic organising committee points out that the overall budget for the games is already more or less balanced, that most of the 13 sites staging events are managing to cope financially. And long after the closing ceremony, they argue, the whole of Savoy will continue to benefit from the massive spending on infrastructure. Besides new roads snaking up into the mountains, the high-speed TGV rail network has been extended and telecommunications greatly im-

proved. Sceptics remain uncon-vinced, Bills are still arriving in Grenoble, the last French city to host the winter games, for the extravaganza there almost a quarter of a century ago.

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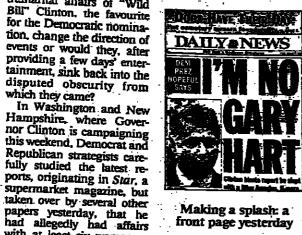
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#### Wild Bill ambushed by sex pack on campaign trail AMERICA'S presidential

campaign trail yesterday Since they destroyed Gary Hart, the American media have reached the latest of its now had some hard lessons, but that provides little comfort for familiar seedy sidetracks. Would this week's freshly Bill Clinton, Peter Stothard reports from Washington published stories of the extramarital affairs of "Wild Bill" Clinton, the favourite



Making a splash: a front page yesterday

Clinton. But their publication at this critical stage of the campaign could, it was speculated, destroy the leading Democrat for 1992 as decisively as a similar set of incidents in 1988 ended the ambitions of Gary Hart.

So far the mainstream American press has not been able to substantiate the charges and has held back

from republishing the allegations. The New York Post, however, headlined the romps of "Wild Bill". Its rival, the New York Daily News, said he had been "Star-studded" by the tabloid which put him "in [the] beds of beauty queens". Thus, just in a political campaign itself, does mo-

mentum build which will either be maintained or stopped in the days and weeks ahead. Observers here yesterday recalled the strongly circulating rumour in 1988 about George Bush's alleged adultery which, despite several cautious press attempts and a day on which it knocked 20 points off the stock market, never took off. "The answer to the big 'A' question is 'No'," said his

Governor Clinton immediately described this week's articles as trash. His current accuser, Larry Nichols, is

dent's spokesman, said this

week that it would be "dra-

sive phone calls to Nicaraguan Contras. Clinton supporters hope that, unlike Gary Hart, who taunted the press to prove his reputation for womanising and then gave them all the proof they needed by visiting the yacht Monkey Business in the company of Donna Rice. Mr Clinton's tactics would provide better defence.

Since he became the leader of the so-called Democratic "six-pack" of challengers, the Arkansas governor has been the subject of several psychological profiles in the American media. It is suggested that Governor Clinton's troubled childhood. spent peacemaking between his mother and alcoholic stepfather, is the key to his character, explaining both his early development of conciliatory political skills and his personal insecurity.

The candidate himself has

not hidden the difficulties which he has experienced in his own marriage to Hillary Rodham, the formidable



Linked names: Elizabeth Ward, left, a former Miss America, who according to Star, a magazine sold in supermarkets, was a mistress of Bill Clinton, right

feminist lawyer. After the rumours of affairs last surfaced in September, the couple admitted that their relationship had not been perfect. The Clinton campaign hoped then that their candidate's virtual acceptance of past failings, and his wife's vigorous support of their currently successful marriage, would stem the invading

Since the destruction of Mr Hart, the American me-

dia has been given a number of lessons that may also affect the course of Mr Clinton's political journey. In his much discussed recent book. Feeding Frenzy, Larry Sabato set out his thesis of how the trend towards "pack journal-ism", in which hundreds of iournalists daily hunt the same prey, has corrupted campaign coverage.

The Washington Post has ant female lobbyist. just completed a big series on Dan Quayle, for example,

which has been interpreted as a virtual admission that the common pursuit of the vice-presidential candidiate in 1988 was full of errors passed from journalist to journalist with little sense of accuracy or proportion. Among the charges against Mr Quavle was a never substantiated golf-trip with Paula Parkinson, the flamboy-

Also from four years ago. Mr Sabbato chronides the

against Michael Dukakis, in which baseless allegations by an extremist sect eventually became familiar enough from newspaper coverage to be used by Ronald Reagan himself. Although "attack iournalism" is almost as old as American politics itself, some of the criticism has stuck. The reaction to the Kennedy rape trial and the Judge Clarence Thomas affair has produced much

hand-wringing.
Central to Mr Clinton's future now will be the reaction of The New York Times. The Washington Post and the main television networks. If any of the more sordid allegations, especially the one which alleges an aborpersonal staff, are proven to be true, he will have a hard time in a national campaign.

Reporters, however, have for a long time been looking for believable witnesses. So far the field contains only one woman, Connie Hamzy. who has desribed a 1984 encounter with the governor in Penthouse magazine. Ms Hamzy's other claims include sleeping with "24 men in one night".

#### Bush relies on recovery package

## Tax cuts planned to outflank Democrats

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush will unveil shortly what the White House is promoting as a "dramatic" economic recovery plan designed to wrest the initiative from the Democrats and restore his political

for the Democratic nomina-

tion, change the direction of

events or would they, after

providing a few days' enter-

disputed obscurity from

Republican strategists care-

fully studied the latest re-

with at least six women —

Elizabeth Ward, a former

Miss America, a local beauty

queen in Arkansas, a singer,

a journalist and two political

aides. The reports, based on

an Arkansas libel action, claim that Mr Clinton used

public funds to entertain his

The charges are not new

and come from a source

known to be hostile to Mr

which they came?

The plan, to be announced in Mr Bush's State of the Union speech on January 28 and in next day's federal bud-get, will include new tax breaks for the middle classes, measures to revive the property market and lessen exorbitant health insurance costs, and still deener cuts in Pentagon spending. His aides are banking on the package to boost consumer confidence; dispel the notion that the millionaire president does not understand middle Amer ca's economic distress, and reverse the freefall in his approval ratings. Mr Bush has been under pressure to bring the announcement forward.

A Washington Post poll yesterday showed the presi-

Islamic

leaders

urge calm

FROM REUTER

IN ALGIERS

dent's popularity had fallen to yet another new low point of just 45 per cent: 78 per cent said that America was "serionsly off on the wrong track" with only 19 per cent taking the opposite view.

tration. Conservatives like Jack Kemp, the housing secretary, and Vice-President Dan Quayle argued for radical tax-cutting to stimulate growth. Moderates led by Richard Darman, the White House budget director, and Nicholas Brady, the treasury secretary, favoured more restrained measures that would not undermine money market confidence or be dead on arrival at Capitol Hill.

The modern have prevailed. One conservative administration official was yesterday quoted as calling the package "anaemic". But the White House evidently intends to sell it hard. Marlin Fitzwater, the presi-

#### Shamir is ready for early polls

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

peace process. "There are sev-

eral options, but it is almost

certain that we will have to go to early elections," Mr Shamir said. "In any event, my

will is to continue the peace

He gave an even stronger

hint that electioneering could

begin at any moment when

he appeared to distance him-

self from Tehiya and Mol-

edet, the two extremist

parties, and sought to cast

himself in the unfamiliar role

of peacemaker. "Our govern-

ment, the Likud government,

is completely true to its princi-

ples and to the constant effort

to achieve peace," he said,

defending his policy of grant-

ing limited autonomy to Pal-

estinians in the occupied ter-

ritories. "Therefore, we were

not able to show any flexibili-

ty towards these groups that

decided to leave the govern-

Shimon Peres, the opposi-

tion Labour party leader, yes-

terday welcomed the prospect

of early elections. Labour's

chief election obstacle is that

it broadly supports Likud's

peace efforts. It is expected to

target its campaigning efforts

on Mr Shamir's economic

record, at a time of record

unemployment, high infla-

tion and the government's

apparent failure to absorb

hundreds of thousands of

Soviet Jewish immigrants.

ment," he added.

DIOCESS.

YITZHAK Shamir, the Israe-MUSLIM fundamentalist li prime minister, yesterday leaders, in a mosque corconceded that early elections doned off by security forces, now seem inevitable. He also told militants at Friday prayhinted that he would lead his ers that Algeria's new rulers ruling Likud party's cam-paign for re-election on a had started a crackdown and arrested 500 people. platform of peace and sec-They appealed for calm and told them to avoid prourity for the Jewish state. Mr Shamir's right-wing co-

voking the authorities into alition government is expectmoving against them. There ed to lose its majority in the has been no official confirma-Knesset tomorrow when two tion of the arrests. junior partners say they will Scores of fundamentalists resign in protest at the course were turned back on the outof the current Middle East

skirts of the working-class Sunna Mosque area, a bastion of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), which made large gains in the first round of a general election which was scrapped last weekend. Abdelkader Hachani and

Abdelkader Moghni, leaders of the Islamic front, urged the few hundred people able to reach the mosque to remain vigilant and avoid all provocation against the new Algerian leadership sworn in on Thursday. This regime is going to fall." Mr Hachani said in a 30-minute address.

Kamai Agoun, vice-president of the Sunna mosque association, told journalists there had been at least 500 arrests yesterday. Witnesses earlier saw at least five Islamic from militants detained.

Just 24 hours earlier, the head of the five-man high council of state now running the country warned people not to use Islam for selfinterest. . Muhammad Boudial, who returned from 27 years' political exile to take power, said: "The institutions of the state must be respected by all and the state must be

one of law. Soldiers backed by tanks sent in by Sid Ahmed Ghozali, the prime minister, have been guarding key government buildings since President Chadli Benjedid resigned last Sanurday.

matic" and "really significant". It is expected to give families tax cuts worth up to \$17 billion (£9.7 billion) overall next year by raising in-The recovery plan has been hotly debated in the adminiscome tax exemptions by either \$500 a person or \$1000 a child. This would give an extra dollar or two per day to most families. but there could be a disproportionate psychological lift and the Democrats could less easily steal the Republicans' taxcutting clothes.

The administration has reportedly decided to cut an additional \$30 to \$50 billion more from the already shrinking defence budget over the next five years, and deeper cuts. George Mitchell, the Senate majority leader, on Thursday proposed cuts of \$100 billion. Initial savings are likely to be made in procurement but manpower will probably suffer, so revising the Pentagon's present plans to cut manpower by 25 per cent to 1.6 million by 1995.

It is not clear whether Mr Bush will use the 1993 extra defence savings to finance tax cuts or reduce the budget deficit. The former would involve reopening the tortuous 1990 budget agreement with restraints on federal spending. First-time homebuyers are expected to get tax breaks of up to \$5,000 over two

The poor will get tax credits and the middle class tax exemptions to lessen the cost of health insurance. Mr Bush will revive his call for a capital gains tax cut.

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Kiss of peace: a guerrilla of El Salvador's Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front kissing her baby during celebrations marking the signing of peace accords between the government and guerrillas. Tens of thousands gathered in the capital, San Salvador, after President Cristiani and guerrilla chiefs signed the pact on Thursday ending 12 years of civil war. The

wounded twice that number and laid waste much of the nation's infrastructure. Government and guerrilla supporters held separate parties, however. Arena, the government party, was blamed by human rights groups for military-linked death squads which killed 20,000 suspected left-wingers in the early 1980s. (AP)

#### causes Cambodia hitch

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PHNOM PENH

THE programme to send 350,000 refugees back to Cambodia was facing a new dilemma yesterday because of the way man feels about his best friend.

Most Cambodian refugees seem not too alarmed at the prospect of landmines, bandits, malaria and lack of potable water when they begin returning in April, in a big operation supervised by the United Nations, now that peace of a sort has been restored to Cambodia. But many of the refugees in camps along the Thai-Cam-bodian border do not want to abandon their pet dogs: possibly 20,000 of the animals. Each family has been told it will be allowed to take only four chickens.

Cambodians' return to their country after 13 years of war show refugees boarding buses with only moveable goods. But there is no sign of pet dogs - mostly mongrels, with names like Pick (Diamond), Ngun (Blackie) and Nissan (after the Japanese car).

"It was an oversight," said one UN official. "We thought they would leave their dogs behind. We were wrong." Unlike some Asians, Cambodians do not eat dog meat. They see canines as pets, and everywhere one looks in refugee camps on the Thai-Cambodian border there are dogs and puppies asleep in baskets or playing with children. One Cambodian said: "They are like members of the family."

The matter is of such moment that Sadako Ogata, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, who is in Cambodia to inspect repatriation preparations. took it up with officials of the Phnom Penh regime, who apparently were sympathetic.

that Moss Side had been dubbed the "Bronx of Brit-

ain". "Those headlines hurt", they said. The New

York Post pointed out that

#### Puppy love | ANC men 'paid for killing of defector'

Johannesburg: An Afrikaans newspaper has claimed that two intelligence officers of the

African National Congress paid an Afrikaner extremist £2,000 to murder a former ANC comrade who had defected to the security police (Gavin Bell writes). The newspaper. Vive Week-

blad, said vesterday that it had initially facilitated a meeting between the ANC officers and Danie Odendaal, disaffected member of the Afrikaner resistance movement, to allow Mr Odendaal to divulge details of clandestine arms supplies to rightwing groups. Mr Odendaal told Vire Weekblad, however. that his ANC contacts had changed his brief: they wanted him to murder Glory Sidebe, a former ANC member, who had become a police informer. The plot failed.

#### Ready for trial

Paris: Moussa Koussa, Libya's deputy foreign minister, and a less senior official, Abdullah Senoussi, wanted in connection with the bombing of a French airliner in 1989 which caused 170 deaths, are ready to stand trial in France. a radio report here said. (AP)

#### Delhi welcome

Delhi: Indian ministers have told Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, that their government wants to encourage British investment in India and welcomes next month's visit by businessmen from the Confederation of British Industry. (Reuter)

#### Activists treed

Havana: Cuba has released two of three human rights activists arrested after a television report linked them to three Miami-based Cuban exiles who were sentenced recently after being found with arms and explosives. (AFP)

#### Aids award Melbourne: Victoria's su-

preme court approved a total payment of £1.5 million to 15 children who caught Aids through infected blood transfusions. The state's compensimilarly infected totals £9.8 million. (Reuter)

#### Outback hunt

Sydney: Forty Asians, possibly Chinese, found wandering in the Australian outback after being shipwrecked on the northwest coast will be charged as illegal immigrants. Searches were continuing for 16 still lost in the region. (Reuter)

#### American held

Manila: Gunmen have kidnapped Michael Barnes, an American businessman, in Manila and have demanded \$20 million (£11.4 million) for his release. Nobody has claimed responsibility, but right-wing army dissidents are suspected. (Reuter)

#### Kiss and tell Singapore: Aids virus carri-

ers in Singapore will face up to two years in jail if they have sex without telling partners of their condition. A new bill in parliament also prescribes similar penalties for people who give blood knowing they carry the virus. (Reuter)

**NEW YORK NOTEBOOK** by Charles Bremner

#### Hell's nannies bring chills and thrills country. Common themes ough residents on hearing

T hanks to a horror film and a New York murder case, a new villain has lurched into the minds of American parents this month: the nanny from hell. With 8.5 million American families now entrusting their offspring to day-time minders, Hollywood has found a new vein of yuppie guilt with The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, a tale about an adorable nanny who weasels her way into a Seattle family and sets about its destruction. This Fatal Attraction for

the 1990s, starring Rebecca De Mornay, has just knocked Hook, the Peter Pan story remade by Spielberg, from its perch as the top current film. With its portrait of the quintessential 30-something family torn apart by a psychotic Mary Poppins figure, the film has sparked anguish among young middle class parents from Los Angeles to Manhattan, rather as this month's conviction of a nanny has in Britain. Parental fear has now been further sharpened by the prosecution in New York of a sweet au pair girl on the



Scare tactics: horror film gripping the US

charge that she set fire to the three-month-old girl in her care, killing her and burning down the house. Olivia Riner, who is aged 20 from the Swiss town of Wettigen, was indicted this week on four counts of murder and arson in the home of William and Denise Fischer in White Plains, a prosperous suburb. According to the Fischers, Ms Riner was the ideal, loving nanny until the moment the

daughter arrived at their house, found it on fire and broke down the locked door to the baby's room. The police said Ms Riner used flammable liquids to start fires in three bedrooms. So far, no one has come up with a motive for Ms Riner's alleged act and the police have backed down from an earlier claim that they had direct evidence Ms Riner, who is plead-

ing not guilty and is on bail in the custody of her par-ents in New York, has become the subject of a sympathetic press campaign in Switzerland. She says she had just finished putting cat food in a dish in the laundry room and was walking rowards her bedroom when the cat leaped from her bedroom hissing. Miss Riner said her bed was in flames and her bedroom window was open. The police said she called the fire brigade and tried to

extinguish the flames. The nanny panic has elicited hundreds of lesser horror tales in television shows and newspapers across the

are "child-care providers" who leave babies alone in cribs, entertain boyfriends and empty bank accounts. "Short of video-taping the entire time the person is with your child, you never know what is going on." said Debra Kent, an Indiana mother. Under pressure from parents whose children have been abused by babysitters, the California legislature has set up a data bank, called Trustline, which lists all reputable child-minders in the state.

When the people of Manchester looked for a nickname to encapsulate the violence of the Moss Side, they should have spared a thought for the sensitive feelings of 1.3 million New Yorkers. The civic fathers of the borough of the Bronx are hurt that their name has been adopted yet again by some foreign town with a local murder problem.

A business group called Positively Bronx has written to complain to George Chadwick, the lord mayor of Manchester, about the "outrage" felt by the bor-

the comparison was hardly valid since Moss Side had suffered three killings in the past year. The toll in the Bronx is more than a murder a day. gnorance is said to be Athe curse of modern American children, but they could hardly be blamed i their own history books tell them that Napoleon won the battle of Waterloo and that America ended the Korean war by dropping the atomic bomb on the North.

These assertions were found in new textbooks to be distributed in Texas schools. The board of education there has taken the unprec-

edented step of fining five publishers \$240,000 (E137,000) and demanding immediate corrections after an investigation revealed 3,700 errors in their books. which are also destined for high schools across the whole of the United

#### **Clifford Longley**

#### The Decade of Evangelism was never going to work

as there been a big mistake in strategy in the churches of Britain in the 1990s? Have they put too much stress on the possibilities of converting the unconverted, too much hope into the prospects of church unity? Would they have done better, before reaching outside, to have put their own houses in order first? The next few months may show a growing feeling among church members that the word whose time has come should not be "evangelism" nor "ecume nism" but "renewal" - that deepening the pool of faith should come before widening it.

The churches' Decade of Evangelism is a year old. The 1992 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts tomorrow. But it is clear now that neither of these endeavours is going to set the world alight. The Decade has so far achieved little bar irritating the Jewish and Muslim communities. The Week will be not much more than a reminder of lost hopes. Yet depressing though these disappointments ought to be, none of the churches will spend next week in mourning. This is because neither the Decade of Evangelism (known to Roman Catholics as the "Decade of Evangelisation") nor the Week of Prayer for Unity has penetrated very far into the collective consciousness of church-goers — or even the consciousness of their pastors. Evangelism, unless it means rallies of the Billy Graham kind, is hardly understood as a concept. The thought of knocking on house doors looking for converts has little appeal. As for ecumenism, it has reached a stage at which it is normal for Christians of different denominations to be polite and warm to each other, but the stage beyond that is as

Il this is attributable to muddled leadership and uncertainties of purpose in every church, and an extreme evangelistic or ecumenical optimism that is near to dishonesty. The purpose of the Decade of Evangelism should have been defined before it began. Instead the idea was seized on with a kind of ecclesiastical "me-tooism" when the Pope mooted some such thing in the mid 1980s. What he meant is still not clear, but it may have had something to do with offering Polish Catholicism to Europe as a role model. When the Lambeth Conference took on the idea for the Anglican Communion in 1988, the motive was different — a patronising attempt to make Anglican Evangelicals feel they mattered, for instance - but not much more realistic.

As a result the Decade is wholely unfocused. To describe it as all things to all men is the polite way of saying it means nothing to anybody. But because it has become ecumenical property, nobody can say so. So the churches have agreed to play "Let's pretend we are all doing something to convert the nation", just as next week they will play "Let's pretend we all want to be united". It is not that nobody believes in converting the nation or being united. In church terms, these are platitudes equivalent to motherhood. But they have no agreed meaning.

Leaving aside sophisticated theologies of evangelism and ecumenism understood only by the élite few, ecumenism still to most Anglicans means persuading people in the other churches to become Anglicans, and to most Roman Catholies persuading people in other churches to become Catholics. This hardly makes for unity. Equally, evangelism to Anglicans means persuading those not in any church to become Anglicans, and so on. The Free Churches are not so different. So the churches are still essentially working with the pre-20th-century competitive model of inter-church relations, though they are not allowed to face the consequences.

enewal - deepening before widening has two great merits as an alternative strategy: it can be done honestly, and the aim can be seen in sharp focus. Individually, renewal means nothing other than the Imitation of Christ, the pursuit of personal holiness through repentance, prayer and grace. Collectively, renewal means creating and nourishing a Christ-centred community of worship and service. Neither of these models of renewal requires any glances over shoulders to check on how good or popular is the "image" being projected. Each means concentrating on raw religion rather than on the politics of religion. That is what people

By analogy with business, this change of strategy equals getting the product right before giving thought to its marketing. If the product were good enough, marketing and merging the commercial equivalents to evangelism and active cooperation of the West-ecumenism — might well take care of themselves. ern powers, in particular the

#### Tabloid readers have lapped up a story studiously ignored by the broadsheets, writes Alan Hamilton

eaders of the quality press may well have passed the last day or two in blissful ignorance of a cataclysm which threatens to split asunder the very bedrock of our nation and society. The evervigilant tabloids, on the other hand, have performed to the letter their bounden duty to inform, explain and investigate every back stair and cubbyhole of this monumental event.

A packet of holiday snaps, some of them said to show the Duchess of York with a Mr Wyatt, a Texan, were found by a cleaner and handed in to the police. There: now you know.

Of this matter, there has been barely a mention in the Financial Times. Daily Telegraph. Guardian or Independent. Where it might have carried a down-page line. The Independent preferred an item about a baby being bitten by a ferret. a matter of approximately equal consequence. The Times record-

## Story of two nations

ed the matter briefly; our readers may occasionally rub shoulders with the tabloid-reading classes, and we would not wish them to suffer the embarrassment of ignorance.

Among the papers with small pages, the Daily Mail was the most ponderous, putting up the sort of front-page headline that properly belongs to abdications and declarations of war. "HRH
The Duchess of York: The Palace is Concerned". Over three
inside pages Nigel Dempster,
chronicler-royal of the silly classes, spun out the life story of Mr Wyatt and the background to his friendship with the Duchess.

The rest of the pack could not forbear to join in. "Royals in Turmoil: Andy's Fury at Fergie Photos" bellowed our sister Sun.



Making a splash: the Daily Mail's front page on Thursday

The best, naturally, came from the lurid Daily Sport: "Fergie's Texan playboy pal is the son of a drug-crazed killer, it was revealed last night." Strange how revelations are always made at night, never at lunchtime. Lunchtime is reserved for in-

In most cases it was necessary to read well into the narrative before discovering that the holiday took place back in 1990. and that no evidence could be dredged up for anything other than the most pristine innocence. And not even the Daily

Whitaker and Harry Arnold, by far the best in this unreal business, could get their hands on the offending pictures. The best any paper could manage was pictures of Mr Wyatt with several entirely different women. and of the furniture in a flat he once rented in Maylair.

Royal-watching is no new game, and might even be regarded as fair game. The liai-sons of Edward VII when Prince of Wales were much hinted at in the scandal sheets, although they seem to have maintained a conspiracy of silence over his particular peccadillo, which was chasing fire-engines. He would have the captain of the London brigade telegraph him when they had a big fire, and would sneak incognito to the

scene to assist with the hoses. The tone of rabbold royalwatching is different today, with its cheap moralising and twofaced attitude of warning the Queen's family that the public will stand for nothing other than impeccable behaviour from them. The Victorians were far more adept at the art of handling blatant

hypocrisy.
The affair of the Duchess and her holiday snaps is important because it is of towering triviality. Her husband may be fourth in line of succession, but his chances of ever being called to duty are exceedingly remote. Even if he were, it is worth remembering that the wayward Edward VII was a much-loved and admired monarch in his brief reign.

By yesterday the brief little firework was beginning to fizzle out to make way for "Bush Rival in Sex Storm". Same script,

## A 20th-century Waterloo?

#### Michael Howard wonders if the Gulf war will be seen as a great victory or a military footnote

ut what good came of it at last? asked Robert Southey's Little Peterkin after the Battle of Blenheim. Old Kaspar, understandably, could not tell him: it is seldom possible to say what good came out of any war. The success, and indeed the justice. of a war, is to be gauged not so much by the good it has achieved as by the evil it has averted. So it is with the war in the Gulf. Mercifully lew soldiers were killed or maimed but every one of them is a private tragedy. especially those killed by "friendly fire". So is each of the scores of thousands, uncounted and probably uncountable, of the Iraqis we slaughtered. The economy of Kuwait,

which we fought to protect, is in ruins, and we have restored one of the most corrupt and undemocratic regimes in the Middle East. As for Iraq, our bombs wrecked an economic infrastructure which had taken fifty years to create. Thousands of Kurds have been driven into miserable exile, and Saddam Hussein seems more securely settled in power than ever. Did our servicemen and women risk or give their lives simply to achieve this? Alas, all wars end in mess and

disillusion. A battle lost, remarked Wellington after Waterloo, is only a shade more tragic than a battle won. The second world war, as near a just and necessary war as modern history can record, ended in the physical devastation of Europe, the exhaustion of Britain, and the surrender of Eastern Europe to a totalitarian oppression only marginally preferable to the regime from which it had been freed. But what would have become of us if that war had not been fought?

We must recall the situation that precipitated the Gulf war. Saddam had been able to build up a potential military hegemony in the Middle East largely through the neglect, if not the

United States, which was obsessed with the threat posed by the Ayatollah's Iran. Saddam had reasonable economic grievances against Kuwait, and a frontier dispute of long standing. The independent statehood of Kuwait was the creation of a colonialist era, as was that of traq itself. Yet given all this, the use of force to annex a peaceful neighbour indicated at the very least that a dangerous predator, of an all too familiar kind, was once more at large on the international scene. Perhaps the West in general, and President Bush in particular, might not have reacted so strongly if Kuwait had produced only broccoli; but if Kuwait had produced broccoli instead of oil. Saddam would hardly have bothered to seize it.

With Kuwait in his posses-sion, Saddam would control 20 per cent of the world's oil resources directly, and by dominating Saudi Arabia and the Gulf Emirates would have been in a position to control very nearly half. He had his thumb on the windpipe of the entire industrial world. Moreover, he was - although we did not know it at the time - close to nuclear Like 1914 and 1939, this was one of those very rare occasions when it was in our highest national interest to enforce the obligations of international law.

About this the West was almost unanimous in August 1990. But must these obligations be enforced by war? There were weighty arguments against it, advanced in America by figures as eminent as Senator Sam Nunn and Admiral William Crowe, and in this country by Denis Healey. The casualties would be terrible. The whole of Islam would be inflamed against us. Better to let economic sanctions take their course. For a few weeks I believed the same, until it became clear how skilfully Saddam was exploiting the divisions between his opponents and how indifferent he was to the hardships sanctions



Just warriors: euphoric American marines wave a Kuwaiti flag, as they free Kuwait City

would impose on the Iraqi people. Evidently he believed that time was on his side, and he was probably right. If Kuwait was to be liberated, an ultimaturn had to be issued, and if that ultimatum was ignored, it would have to be enforced.

Never can war aims have been so carefully and explicitly crafted. This was not a war either to defend democracy in Kuwait or to introduce it in Iraq. It was not fought to topple Saddam. The object was deliberately limited to the restoration of the sovereignty of Kuwait, the exaction of compensation from Iraq, and the creation of peace and stability in the Middle East.

Many people now wish that the objectives had been extended to cover his overthrow, but this was not the consensus within the coalition. And what were the alternatives to Saddam's regime? Direct rule, with General Schwarzkopf playing the role of General MacArthur? Allied forces remaining to support a docile military or civilian leadership and becoming the targets of Islamic hatred as long as they remained? The disintegration of Iraq, provoking further conflict among its neighbours? Unsatisfactory as the present situation is it is not obvious that any of these would have been better.

The coalition armed forces did exactly what their political leaders demanded. An implicit clause in their instructions was that they should conduct the campaign with minimal risk to allied lives: it was by no means clear how the American public would react to the reality of the 30,000 casualties that military experts postulated in the worst

eventuality. The prolonged bembardment that preceded the actual land assault in the Gulf had its precedent in the bomber offensive that preceded the Normandy landings in 1944.

This time, however, it was not necessary to destroy entire cities and their populations: technology had at last made possible the highly discriminate bombing that both British and American air-forces had initially hoped to carry out when the second world war began. To talk of "surgical strikes" is still an exaggeration (unless one is thinking of medieval surgery). but there can be no doubt that the overwhelming majority of Iraqi casualties civilians but potential

ntics have complained that allied intelligence hugely over-estimated the effectiveness of the Iragi armed forces. But the fault was very much on the right side. Weapons may be quantifiable, but morale is not. We made a much worse-mistake in our underestimation of the Japanese before 1941. In any event it remains an open question how effectively Iraqi troops might have fought if their command and communications structure had not been destroyed, if their supply system had remained in working order, and if their morale had not been pulverised by weeks of direct and heavy land combat was merely a brief mopping-up operation, but it would have been criminal to assume in advance that this would be the case.

Despite the brevity and onesidedness of the combat, the homecoming troops were greeted in the United States as if they had won a war combining the rigours of the Battle of Guadalcanal with that of the Somme. The demons of Vietnam had been exorcised, and America could stand tall again. But media hype cannot detract from the success of a necessary job performed with great profes-sionalism. The achievement of the coalition forces made it all the less likely that such a job will have to be done again.

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#### ...and moreover HILIP HOWARD

"Whom are you?" said she, for she had been to Benenden. Subjunctive to the last, I would reply: "And whom, manam, might you be?" Humankind "And whom, madam, cannot bear very much grammar. What we have is drummed into us at an early age, so that our knuckles tingle in a Pavlovian reaction when we spot certain grammatical errors or

Concord is a red rag to the bulls of letters to the editor. Concord is the rule that a verb has to be of the same number and person as its subject, an adjective has to be of the same number, case and gender as its noun, and a noun of the same case as that to which it is in apposition. Let us not get too heavy about this. It is Saturday

Concord is one of the things that tend(s) to go wrong with writing and talking as hasty and extemporary as journalism. So we put plural subjects with a single verb, or, less commonly, single subjects with a plural verb. And so, as surely as night follows day, we get letters of triumph or complaint from indignant readers.

I have just received a bundle of cuttings from recent issues of The Times with errors of concord fiercely marked in yellow felt-tipped pen: "The coolness and calm of the interior IS an elegant and accomplished example ..."; "Wit and wisdom triumphs" (in a headline for heaven's sake); "the dictionary never caught on with the general public as much as its generous size and scope deserves". Let us see whether we can get a bit of concord into this discord of numbers. The rules are not as simple as they are supposed by prescriptivists to be. Rules never are, except in nursery games. A two or more singular nouns or noun phrases, joined by and or linked with commas, normally takes a plural verb. The Walrus and the Carpenter were walking close at hand.

Difficulty arises when a phrase containing "and" represents a single item. It is then followed by a singular verb. The stars and stripes (or hammer and sickle) was flying from the flagpole (it is one flag, not two). Rock 'n' roll is my favourite Saturday pastime. The Fool and Firkin (a single pub) sells good beer. Your whisky and soda (one glass, not twol is on the table. Fish and chips was a healthy diet for the working classes.

Somerset Maugham: "The bread and butter [bread spread with butter was scattered on the floor." But if these subjects linked by "and" are not thought of as single units, they become plurals. Bread and butter are sold at Mrs Punjani's shop.

It is sometimes not clear whether the subject is a single unit or a plural. When Henry Kissinger declaimed: "We're at the beginning of a period in which real negotiation and compromise is possible," pre-sumably he was thinking of negotiation-and-compromise as

a single closely bound-up activ-

ity (or else the good doctor simply got his numbers in a twist). I think we could defend, if we could be bothered, some of the "errors" complained of in The Times in this way, claiming that the compound subjects were seen as a single unit. The wit-and-wisdom is such a common cliché, in the titles of such slim vols as The Wit and Wisdom of John Major (or Neil Kinnock), that it may sound natural to treat the phrase as a composite singular. The generous size-'n'-scope of a dictionary is a sort of honorary singular. No? Well, I tried.

Certainly, the number of many compound subjects is ambiguous. Law and order has/have been re-established. Our respect and admiration for her are is unlimited. Love and marriage is the ambition of all Cartland's vacuous heroines. But love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage. because the meaning of the rhyme forces the two elements into piural harness. If the two parts of the subject

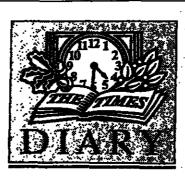
refer to a single individual, use the singular. My friend and libel lawyer Crispin Quick-Buck was present. My son and heir is safe. The singular is also required when "and" introduces something in parenthesis or apposition. Your style, and even your handwriting, is worthy of much improvement. Deep waters, Watson. Like most things, in grammar and elsewhere, it is not the black and white rules that are interesting, but the grey ambiguities in between.

#### **Pickpocket** slide rule

IN ONE of the most outrageous election gimmicks of all, the Tory party is to give away one million pocket slide rules, designed to illustrate how much tax payers will lose under a Labour government. The Tories' "secret weapon", which they hope will win them the increasingly bitter tax war, will be unveiled early next week by Nor-man Lamont and Chris Patten. The slide rule will enable voters to relate their salary to Labour's tax plans and work out exactly how much they are likely to lose. The device, which will be mar-

keted as the "pocket guide to Labour's pickpocket tax", will be delivered to one million homes in marginal constituencies, mostly in the South-East where higher-paid voters have the most to lose. So convinced are the Tories that the stunt will help them win the election that \$70,000 is being spent on the slide rules. Central Office staff have been sworn to strict secrecy over the gimmick. "Not only will we be telling people how much a Labour government will cost them." says a spokesman, we will be able to demonstrate to the penny the horrendous cost it will have on every family.

 Brussels was rightly keen to support Book Aid, the scheme to send thousands of tomes to the former Soviet Union. But in best EC traditions, the Eurocrats could not work out quite how to help. Are books entertainment in which case there is no budget or are they education? Conveniently overlooking some of the more down-market titles, Roger Graef of Book Aid supplied a list of the loftier books which are being shipped out. The result: a pledge of 50.000 ecus.



#### Cook and Duchess

THE death of a devoted family retainer has caused heated feelings in the family of Margaret, the Duchess of Argyll. The Duchess, aged 79, only learnt of the death of Elizabeth Duckworth, her cook and confidante for 62 years, after an obituary in The Times last week. She is deeply distressed that she missed the funeral and is blaming her own family.

"It's disgraceful," says the Duchess, who has lived at St George's Nursing Home in Pimlico since financial problems forced an abrupt departure two years ago from her suite at the Grosvenor Hotel. "My children did not even tell me that she had died. We should all have been at her funeral after her devoted ser-

In fact, it seems the Duchess of Argyll's children, Frances, Duchess of Rutland, and Brian Sweeny, were also unaware of the death of the servant who had virtually brought them up. Barbara Green, Mrs Duckworth's sister-in-law. says: "I didn't contact them when she died. I didn't see any point. There has been complete silence from the family ever since the

Duchess left the Grosvenor". There had also been a modest 550 a month pension form her old employer which ceased when the

Duchess's finances collapsed. As a result the former family servant spent the last two years of her life on social security, although the author, Michael Thornton, took up Mrs Duckworth's plight.
"I informed the family of her

financial difficulties but only Charles Sweeny, the Duchess's first husband, sent £100. No one went to see Mrs Duckworth when I told them she was desperately

But Margaret Argyll says: she will never forget the woman she had known for over 60 years. "She was my truest friend since I was a girl. I shall miss her dreadfully."

#### **Red fingers**

WHETHER a thousand flowers will bloom in Slovenia remains to be seen but at least one new blossom is bursting forth. Will McLewin, a mathemetician turned botanist, has returned from Slovenia with what he believes to be a previously unknown

McLewin visits Yugoslavia twice a year to research rare species and was understandably excited when



a friend put him on the trail of a Helleborus niger, the Christmas rose in a previously unknown shade of red. Braving freak blizzards and army vehicles, he eventually located the plant at a lake at Bohin in East Slovenia. McLewin is now cultivating several of the plants in his nursery.

● If Zviad Gamsakhurdia's return to Georgia goes wrong, will academics at Queen Mary College, London, come to his rescue? The college's Russian department has a close affinity with the ousted leader. In 1977, when as a Georgian dissident he faced arrest by the KGB, the college dreamed up an unsuccessful plot to get him out of the Soviet Union by inviting him to deliver a series of lectures in England. Undeterred, the university proposed Gamsakhurdia as its external examiner on a thesis on Ukrainian and Georgian relations. The idea was vetoed by the student on the grounds that Gamsakhurdia had once assaulted her.

#### Long way to Piccadilly

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THE Royal Academy's Mantegna exhibition which opened yesterday has some surprising gaps. While paintings have been shipped to Piccadilly from all over the world, the National Gallery, only a few hundred yards away in Trafalgar Square, was less than cooperative Only one of the National's five

Mantegnas has made the journey -and that will not be travelling on to the showing at the Met in New

Officially the RA is very understanding. "Obviously the National Gallery does not want blank spaces. Some of the pieces are panel paintings and very fragile." indeed, but so are some of the other paintings which have travelled half-way around the world.

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#### REAPPRAISING THE GULF

The Gulf war is not yet history. It is too soon to recollect in tranquillity the 40 days of fighting. The results have turned out to be less complete and clearcut than appeared at the time. So the avalanche of comment on yesterday's first anniversary of the outbreak of the war has been marked less by selfcongratulatory commemorations of a highly successful military operation than by anxious reappraisal of a continuing policy dilemma for America and its allies.

The inevitable reaction to the initial onesided presentation of the victory as a relatively costless demonstration of Western military superiority should not go too far the other way. Redressing the balance does not alter the crucial point that the American-led action was, and remains, fully justified. It was right to reverse President Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait. A broad coalition was assembled against Iraq, the United Nations Security Council was ac-tivated after 40 years of Cold War torpor and the liberation of Kuwait was achieved swiftly through a skilfully executed military operation. The aims of successive UN resolutions were largely achieved. Nearly a year later, Kuwait remains liberated and is being rebuilt, and the West is assured of plentiful and relatively cheap oil from Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Gulf.

The formal mission set by President Bush was accomplished. The balance sheet looks more mixed in respect of America's less explicit goals. The energy and drive of James Baker, the American secretary of state, has forced Israelis and Arabs to the same negotiating table but not yet to any real change in attitudes. Freed from an immediate Iraqi threat, the Gulf states have also shown little willingness to embrace political change.

Mr Bush's often repeated talk of a "new world order" has not yet materialised. The international coalition organised against Iraq has been less a precedent for further cooperation against threats to peace than a response to a particular threat. The disintegration of the Soviet Union has removed a possible partner in such efforts, while the American public have shown little interest in their country's role as global policeman.

The main blemish on the Gulf victory has been the continuation in power of Saddam, as the Iraqi propaganda machine has crudely reminded everyone this week. American troops tried to kill him during the war and Mr Bush encouraged Iraqi officers and dissidents to oust him. The American president raised hopes which he was unwilling and unable to fulfil, partly triggering the bloody and fruitless Shia revolt in March.

But Saddam's military and internal security machine, though battered, remains intact. For the moment the Kurds in the north retain their independence; though, apart from scant humanitarian help, they have been largely cast off by the West. Mr Bush and his senior advisers may go on saying they expect Saddam to fall before long, but there is no real evidence that this is about to happen. The advice from the Pentagon is clearly against direct action in support of an internal revolt; and Washington is reluctant to provide indirect aid to rebel groups as it did in Angola and Afghanistan.

But caution does not imply impotence. Continued UN economic sanctions have largely isolated Iraq and brought at least some stability to the region. Moreover, the much tried and tested UN inspectors have succeeded in finding and destroying much of Iraq's vast nuclear, chemical and biological unconventional weapons programme. The best that America and its allies, notably Britain and France, can do is to maintain their support of the inspectors, and to threaten air strikes against military strikes if the Baghdad regime again obstructs their work. The allies can also seek to prevent Iraq from acquiring nuclear materials and expertise from the former Soviet Union.

By seeking to change the internal politics of Iraq when neither American nor international opinion is willing to take the necessary military action, however, Washington risks doing more harm than good. Above all what America and its allies must aim to do is to stop Saddam being in a position to threaten his neighbours. Continued success in that, undramatic though it may be, will prove the ultimate justification for the Gulf war.

#### PARADOX OF INFLATION

Yesterday's rise in retail price inflation. sometimes a figure of transcendental political significance, was greeted by politicians of all parties with uncharacteristic reticence. The Tory backbenchers did not panic, Norman Lamont did not reach for his excuse book. The strongest demanciatory adjective that came to John Smith's lips for Labour was "disappointing."

At first blush, this is surprising. These are not, in conventional terms, good figures. Inflation is now running at 4.5 per cent compared with a low of 3.7 per cent in November. British prices are rising faster than those in our major competitors in Europe (Germany, France) and outside (the-US and Japan). Moreover, the retail price index has been artificially depressed by the steady fall in mortgage rates: underlying "core" inflation is a couple of points higher than the headline total. The prime minister claimed in September that the government had "got inflation licked". It is proving an incautious claim for a cautious politician.

At past elections, it might have proved a fatal one. In 1964, the general election with which 1992 is commonly compared, the pollsters found that 77 per cent of those polled rated "the cost of living" as the most important issue facing Britain. (Inflation was then running at 2.4 per cent.) More recently, the political message of the early 1980s was that the government could survive high unemployment, so long as inflation was coming down. Unemployment was something that happened to manual workers up north. It left Tory voters unaffected. But inflation did hurt them and they wanted an end to it. Hence

Margaret Thatcher's success. Times have changed. Unemployment is now felt by southern, white-collar, Tories. Inflation is less of a threat. Indeed - whisper it who dares! - it is a bit of inflation that gradually makes a mighty mortgage afford-

able. It is inflation that will lift off grounded house prices. In a credit-addicted society, those who gain from seeing what they owe eroded may even outweigh those who lose from seeing their savings reduced. So long as your earnings rise faster than prices, moderate inflation can do you good.

Inflation is therefore a non-issue. According to Mori, it is rated among the top two issues facing Britain today by fewer than one voter in ten. Nor would Labour be sensible to try to make it an issue. The polls also show that people trust the Tories more over inflation, just as they trust Labour more over unemployment. The more inflation becomes the election issue, the better the Tories are likely to do. Hence Mr Smith's low key.

Should it be an issue? If the main parties had different views on the subject, then their reticence would be deplorable. The electorate would be deprived of the debate essential to its democratic decision by narrow partisan calculation. Just such a debate, in one form or another, was the centrepiece of election campaigns in the Seventies and Eighties with first incomes policies then monetarism at the centre of the gap between the parties.

It is so no longer. Both parties officially eschew an incomes policy. They compete in their restraint over borrowing. They favour Britain's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism of the European monetary system, which forces governments to adhere to anti-inflationary disciplines. Labour no longer wants rigid price controls. The Tories no longer advocate rigid monetary controls. On inflation at least, consensus rules.

The economic forecasters tend to agree on what is likely to happen to prices in the next couple of years: they are most likely to increase at, or slightly below, the present rate. The economy could live with that. So could the people. On this issue at least, the parties can safely forgo electoral Sturm und Drang.

#### HIGH ON THE HILL

The burghers of Hampstead have lost another battle in their war against the burgers of America. McDonald's, which has been trying to set up shop in the north London literary enclave for more than a decade, has at last won a site with planning permission for a restaurant. Chicken McNuggets might indeed look out of place on the pages of a Margaret Drabble novel. But is the writer - and many other protesting residents like her - right to foist her taste on everyone else in the village?

"Hampstead socialist" has become a common derogatory epithet for such locals as Melvyn Bragg, Tom Conti and Miss Drabble herself. The sneer implies hypocrisy: how can they be socialists if they live in such a smart part of London? But this is pure inverted snobbery; in other countries there is no contradiction between being left-wing and leading a comfortable, even wealthy, life. But the battle of McDonald's does smell more strongly of hypocrisy than of ketchup.

The protests against McDonald's are part of a larger ennul. Hampstead has changed over the past ten years or so. New Hampstead is peopled by bankers, rich foreigners, pop stars and property tycoons as much as by. novelists, actors and publishers. The High Street, which used to house little family shops, is now full of expensive bounques and restaurants. At weekends, flashy youngsters from the outer suburbs pack the streets where little old emigre Austrian ladies in fur coats used to petter before having coffee and

cakes at the Louis patisserie. Both the youngsters and the shop assistants need somewhere cheap to eat. Mc-Donald's would doubtless fit the bill. The worst argument being marshalled against it is that there are already too many restaurants in the area. If so, why is McDonald's so keen to move in? What the battling residents really mean is that they think McDonald's is uniquely naff. Yet what right have they to deprive others, less well-off than themselves. of the right to cheap and cheerful food?

Like the residents of Aspen, Colorado, the Hampstead set is furious that other people. whether they be nouveau riche residents or Sunday trippers, have discovered the delights of their hilltop village. Having moved in decades ago, old Hampsteaders want to keep its joys to themselves. But among the complaints about the replacement of grocer's shops by designer labels, none has been heard about the steep rise in house prices that followed the discovery of Hampstead by the newcomers. Some longtime residents, in their splendid Georgian and early Victorian houses, have been turned into millionaires by the very people they despise.

McDonald's now needs to win planning permission for its frontage, and Hampstead holds some of the most beautiful architecture in the capital. The local council should be scrupulous in ensuring that, as in other historic towns, McDonald's is prepared to design a fascia to blend in with its surroundings. But permission should not be withheld on any but aesthetic grounds. For what old Hampsteaders really want is to keep out the hot polloi. And that is a most unsocialist way to behave.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Beckenham (Conservative)

internment.

itself wants to achieve.

Sir, In response to the latest series of

IRA attacks, the security forces have

put more road blocks around Belfast,

while your correspondent, Edward

Gorman, says that the strength of the army in Northern Ireland should be

substantially increased. Some

Unionist spokesmen have also called

for the introduction of selective

Perhaps the road blocks have

deterred some bomb carriers, but

road blocks inevitably increase the

disruption of traffic that the IRA

Perhaps the increase in the size of

the British military presence which Edward Gorman wants might put

more pressure on some terrorists, but

there is not much evidence to support

the argument that ordinary patrols

stop urban terrorism and this policy

would add to the problem of over-

stretch in the army.

Meanwhile, there is little support

from the main political parties for

selective internment, which is widely

A rejection of internment need not

mean that the supporters of terror-

ism should be left undisturbed.

When a substantial bombing cam-

paign is mounted against the general

public, the Royal Ulster Constabu-

lary, and other police forces, have a

right and a duty to interrogate — say

at inconvenient times - people who might have valuable information

Furthermore, a large number of

convicted terrorists in Northern Ire-

land, freed on parole after serving

half their sentence, might be re-

quired to report daily to police

stations while the bombing cam-

Values, in the form of exchange

rates and the purchasing power of

money, tend to find their own level

like water, and if allowed to do so

unimpeded there is little disruption

to everyday life. But values, like

water, can be constrained artificially

by economic dams and we all know

that the breaching of a dam can

Nothing can be sustained against neutral forces for ever and perhaps.

therefore, the option of continual

gradual adjustment is preferable to

about these outrages.

paign continues.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP GOODHART

House of Commons.

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any of the alternatives.

Yours faithfully,

D. O. E. BATTEN

Christmas Cottage,

January 15.

(Under secretary of state, Northern Ireland, 1979-81),

believed to be counter-productive.

#### Right of silence at Westminster

From Mr John Browne, MP for Winchester (Conservative)

Sir, I endorse Lord St John of Fawsley's contention (article, January 15) that there is no right to silence before Parliament. However, under the common law of England

there is such a right in court.

The key question before the Commons social security select committee, of which I am a member, was whether Parliament should exercise its awesome sovereign power to force anyone, in this case the Maxwells, to answer questions that may, even unintentionally, lead them to in-

criminate themselves. With the possible exception of the Committee of Privileges, select committees are entrusted by Par-liament not to judge cases but to conduct public scrutiny.

On Monday we witnessed a select committee attempting to conduct itself as a public tribunal before the probable hearing of a case in a high court of law. This surely must have been wrong on two grounds.

First, it would have abused the established human right to silence an abuse which, whilst sometimes popular, would have been a major step in dismantling one of our hard-

fought barriers against tyranny. Secondly, it could have placed in serious jeopardy any case brought subsequently by the Serious Fraud Office Any incriminating answers, or even innuendo and comment on the part of questioners, could have resulted in a trial by media, influencing the open mind of almost every potential juror. That might have placed a future judge under an obligation to dismiss any case brought against the Maxwell brothers.

I hope the House, in its wisdom, will let this matter lie in the hands of a fine and experienced judiciary. Meanwhile, Parliament should use its great influence upon the government in order to bring international political pressure to bear upon the tracing and return of the pension holders' funds.

Yours faithfully, JOHN BROWNE, House of Commons. January 15.

#### From Mr Charles Utley

Sir, Lord St John of Fawsley is surely wrong to urge the House of Com-mons to declare that witnesses called by select committees should not be allowed to rely on the common law privilege against self-incrimination.

The House of Commons is not subject, in regulating its affairs, to interference from the courts: it is for the House itself to decide whether its powers of interrogation should be limited to protect subjects. There appears to be no precedent for a claim by a subject to be allowed to invoke, before a committee of the House, the privilege against selfincrimination. It does not follow, however, that it would be a great constitutional disaster if the House chose to limit its powers in the interests of the people it serves. I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

CHARLES UTLEY. 5 Essex Court, Temple, EC4. January 15.

#### From Mr J. Stefan Sierzant

Sir, With great respect to Mr George Carman, QC, the right to silence is not "constitutionally paramount" (report, January 14). If it were so, Parliament would not have enacted sections 432-434 of the Companies Act 1985, or sections 218-219 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or sections 177-178 of the Financial Services

Each of these sections places a statutory requirement upon the person being questioned to make replies, without providing any protection to stop such replies being used as evidence for a criminal prosecution. Indeed, section 434(5) of the Companies Act specifically permits such

Parliament enacted all these measures. It is well able to deal with the position in which its social security select committee now finds itself.

Yours sincerely, J. STEFAN SIERZANT, J. S. Sierzant & Co (solicitors), 81 Bolton Street, Chorley, Lancashire. January 14.

#### From Mr Edward Strouts

Sir, Stephen Gilchrist's article on the right to silence (Law Times, January 14) is hard to follow. Indeed, justice should not be a game. The accused knows if he is guilty. A rule that gives him the right to silence makes justice a game and a very profitable one for some and very expensive for others, especially the taxpayer.

Someone who stands to lose their pension should be entitled to some answers from those with the facts, accused or not. The freedom to lie is another matter and its exercise another crime. And if you lie to Parliament, my goodness how awful and won't they be cross!

Yours faithfully, EDWARD STROUTS. Hillcroft, Lympsione, Exmouth, Devon. January 14.

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Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.

#### Ulster: internment or more troops? From Sir Philip Goodhart. MP for .

From Mr Norman Pearson

Sir. "During the Christmas holiday". writes Mr Edward Gorman ("How to stop the IRA", January 11), "the IRA terrorised people up and down the mainland with a fire-bombing campaign". I suggest the British people are not easily terrorised. Some may be frightened; but the vast majority are enraged at the disruption of every-day life.

Quoting some pessimistic com-ments attributed to the General Officer Commanding, Mr Gorman goes on to criticise the ineffectual policy of the British government. This includes the constant re-shuffling of troops. But although we are at war with a resourceful and cunning enemy, Mr Gorman opposes internment, which he says would be counter-productive.

On the contrary, as Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien suggested (article, December 18), the time has surely come for the politicians to stop their talking and instead to intern all known malefactors. The upper echelons of the IRA number, we are told, about 300. That should be no great task. All are known. Cut off the IRA's head and it is defeated. I suggest no vast supervision thereafter would be needed. Let us disregard the shouts of disapproval from Mr Haughey, whose views we know, and the roars of disapproval from New York.

Brussels and elsewhere The last internment policy was badly handled. Let this be better, so that the people of Ulster can once again enjoy a normal life, the taxpayers save enormous sums and our troops have a job worthy of them. And the British people, with an election in sight, may even pause from their bread and circuses to enjoy the unusual feeling of a strong hand on the helm.

Yours faithfully, NORMAN PÉARSON, Brook House, Norton, Malmesbury, Wiltshire. January 13.

#### Values afloat

From Mr D. O. E. Batten Sir, On January 8 an article by Mr

fits of a fully floating exchange rate. On January 14 two letters to The Times appeared side by side in response. One said "sterling must be allowed to float ... so that the currency finds its true level on a gradual and ordered basis". The other said "if any government were to rely entirely on free market forces then the whole economy would just gradually run down". In two sentences the philosophical contrast between laissez-faire and centralised control was laid out for all to see.

Nicholas Ridley advocated the bene-

#### Aid for North-West

From Mr Adrian Webb

Sir. As one of the co-organisers of the conference at Manchester airport on December 4 entitled "North West 2010 - The Need to Plan" at which John Smith, the shadow Chancellor. first committed himself to the con-cept of a North-West development agency, the Town and Country Planning Association obviously welcomes the report by Philip Webster (January 14) that Mr Smith, together with Gordon Brown and Tony Blair, have confirmed their commitment to the regional approach. The association is, however,

ness of present Labour party policy. As I said at the conference.

very concerned at the essential weak-

Ridlington, Oakham, Rutland.

regional strategic planning must be in the hands of elected regional councils. Agencies and local-authority consultative arrangements are at best interim measures, not least when a number of the local authorities concerned may well disappear in the present government's pro-posed reorganisation of local govern-

Yours faithfully. ADRIAN WEBB (Deputy Director). Town and Country Planning Association,

central message which came from

The forthcoming beatification of

Opus Dei's founder, the Venerable

Josemaria Escrivá, cannot be inter-

preted politically as a sign of Opus

Dei's influence on the Holy See.

Applying the logic of politics to this

ecclesial act reveals a misunder-

17 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.

the Second Vatican Council.

#### Role of Opus Dei

From the Postulator General of Opus Dei

Sir, Your leader, "Non nobis Opus Dei" (January 13), is unfair and misleading both about Opus Dei and the circumstances relating to its founder's beatification.

Since its foundation in 1928, Opus Dei's message has been of the dignity of lay people within the Church and of the need for the great majority of Catholics to lead their Christian lives fully immersed in the

This emphasis on a lay spirituality was, paradoxically perhaps in view of some modern criticism, the cause of misunderstanding and opposition from some members of the establishment in Spain in the 1940s. But it has since been recognised, by many of the most authoritative leaders in the Church, as of the utmost importance to the life of the Church in the modern world: indeed, it is a

standing of the nature of the act itself. The acknowledgment of the sanctity of life of a man signifies that he belongs to the spiritual tradition that precedes him. There is nothing more

foreign to the reality of Opus Dei than a sectarian spirit: Christian

fraternity belongs to the very essence of the founder's teaching. You give a misleading account of the background to the forthcoming

beatification. Although the progress of the cause has been swift, this is principally because the case was remarkably clear, in 11,000 pages of evidence, including all the objections against the cause.

#### Commonwealth library's future

From Dr Charles Armour

Sir. The closure and imminent sale of the Royal Commonwealth Society's library have highlighted a serious gap in procedures to save national cultural treasures, in this case a unique and remarkable library, relevant to all members of the Commonwealth.

For art treasures a combination of private and government funding can be invoked to prevent masterpieces being sold to overseas buyers. There is no such recognised procedure to safeguard specialised libraries held

by charitable trusts. It would seem very appropriate that this library, whose value has been endorsed in recent months by numerous scholars in letters to the national press, not least in your own columns (December 17, 24), should be re-endowed by benefaction as the Oueen Elizabeth Commonwealth Library, on the understanding that the government will make one substantial donation to fund the necessary

running costs as a working library. Such action, from private benefactor and public purse, would very appropriately mark the 40 years that Her Majesty the Queen will soon have been head of the Commonwealth, to which her commitment

has been demonstrably impeccable. I have no doubt the Royal African Society would want to continue its annual donation to this reconstituted library, as it has done in the past to its much appreciated predecessor over many years.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES ARMOUR (Honorary Treasurer). The Royal African Society, School of Oriental and African Studies, Thornhaugh Street, WC1.

#### Straight from the Bard

From Lady Hylton

Sir, The interesting reference in your leader of January 11 to Felicity. Horatio's illiterate friend, may be taken further. Ever since the admirable Katharine Whitehorn pointed to Queen Gertrude's oddly-named dogs (Ghost: "But look, Amazement on thy mother sits: O step between her and her fighting soul") directors of Hamlet have fought shy of a closet scene carpeted with a frothing maelstrom of dumb chums. May we now try to clear up the mystery of the bitplayer, stooge or stage-hand, Patrick or Patricia?

Pat is at the Prince's elbow in Horatio's absence (Hamlet: "Now might I do it. Pat now he is praying"). In King Lear he shadows Edmund the Bastard (Edmund: "Pat he comes, like the catastrophe") and in A Midsummer Night's Dream he may be found in the company of Quince ("Pat. Pat: and here's a marvellous convenient place for our rehearsal").

Another appearance, in the same play (Pyramus: "It will fall, Pat. as I told you"), may indicate inefficiency; and he can also be unpunctual (Old lady: "Nor could come Pat betwixt too early or too late for any suit of

pounds", Henry VIII). Who is't that can inform me? (Hamiet). Yours faithfully.

J. HYLTON, Ammerdown House, Radstock, Bath, Somerset.

Moreover, it is quite wrong to suggest that there was special influence in the Vatican. In fact, the cause of Mgr Escrivá was supported by the widest range of senior church figures of many nationalities, including, for example, Cardinal König of Austria, Cardinal Sin of the Philippines, and the late Archbishop Romero of El Salvador.

Finally, in the light of the erroneous remarks made about Mgr Escriva's alleged Nazi sympathies (report, January 13), it may be of interest to your readers to learn that all the witnesses of the process explicitly denied such sympathies and confirmed Mgr Escriva's deep love for the Jews. That is why there are today a good number of Jews who are co-operators and friends of Opus

Sincerely yours. FLAVIO CAPUCCI. Postulator General. Opus Dei, Viale Bruno Buozzi 75. 00197 Rome.

#### Killer magpies

From Lord Martin Fitzalan Howard Sir, I support Mr R. E. H. Edmonds (letter, January 9) on the effectiveness of magpie traps and the consequent increase in smaller bird life. During the 1991 nesting season we have caught 61 magpies by use of the trap. which is simple to make. Food and water must be provided for the decoy and checked every day.

Occasionally other than magpies have been caught in the trap, including two well-grown fox cubs at a fortnight's interval in my nephew's similar trap, which were released in the morning.

Yours faithfully, M. FITZALAÑ HOWARD. Carlton Towers, Goole, Humberside. January 10.

From Mr T. J. Godfrey

Sir, So Mr Edmonds has taken upon himself the onerous task of deciding which wild creatures should survive and prosper in his locality.

There is every possibility that the increase of blackbirds and thrushes singing in Mr Edmonds's garden last summer had absolutely nothing at all to do with his destruction of 22 magpies earlier that spring. These songsters would have been adult males which had presumably survived being eaten as nestlings by magpies (or by cats, stoats, weasels, sparrowhawks, etc.) in the previous vear(s).

It seems to me that Mr Edmonds's songbirds are doing very well without his meddling. Yours faithfully,

T. GODFREY, 7 Lynton Lane. Cassington, Oxford. January 9.

#### From Mrs Theresa Stanbridge

Sir, Man continues to deprive wild creatures of more and more of their natural habitat and to interfere chemically with their food sources. Consequently the magpie is blamed for excess damage and theft while it is only struggling to survive in the environment that is left to it. On this property we maintain a

feeding programme which tries to compensate for the deprivation caused to wild life. We feed birds and squirrels daily with a variety of nuts and seeds. The result is that we have at least 24 breeds of bird visiting our garden.

Yours faithfully, THERESA STANBRIDGE. 30 Goodby Road. Moseley, Birmingham 13. January 12.

From Colonel J. L. Galloway

Sir. It seems a bit hard of Mr Edmonds to destroy 22 beautiful magpies because they reduce his songbirds, which are also carnivores, With a long-playing cassette and a concealed garden speaker he could enjoy hours of varied birdsong.

Yours faithfully. J. L. GALLOWAY. Hill Cross, Halletts Shute, Freshwater, Isle of Wight.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

SANDRINGHAM January 17: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were repre-sented by Sir Julian Loyd at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Mr Roderick Ralli, which was held in All Saints Church, Stanhoe, Norfolk, today.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** January 17: The Prince Edward this afternoon left Heathrow Airport, London, for Germany, to open the Dusseldorf Boat Show

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance. This evening The Princess

Royal, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, attended the Scottish Rugby Union Committee Dinner at the Signet Library, Parliament Square, Edinburgh.

Mrs David Bowes Lyon was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE January 17: The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Mr John Major at a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Mr Roderick Ralli which was held at All Saints Church, Stanhoe, Norfolk, this afternoon.

TODAY: Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Commonwealth Secretary-General, 59: Air Marshal Sir Alfred Ball. 71: Mr Peter Beardsley, footballer, 31: Dr David Bellamy. botanist, writer and broadcaster, otranist. Wrier and oroadcaster.
59: Mr John Boorman, film
director. 59: Mr Raymond
Briggs, illustrator, 58: Mr David
Burke, chief constable, North
Yorkshire, 53: Mr J.R. Carr,
chairman, Countryside Commission of Scotland, 65: Mr
Richard Dunwoody, jockey, 28:
Sir William Goodhart, QC, 59.

Mr D I Grant Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, 70: Sir William Harding, diplomat, 65: Sir James Henderson, diplomat. 91; Mr Terence Higgins, MP, 64; Mr David Howell, MP, 56; Mr Edward James, diplomat, 75: Dame Jennifer Jenkins, former chairman, National Trust, 71; Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones, 59; Mr Paul Keating, Prime Minister of Australia, 48.

Mr Martin Laing, chairman, John Laing, 50; Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, former chairman, Monopolies and Mergers Commonopoles and Mergers Con-mission, 68; Sir Peter Preston, civil servant, 70; Mr Arnold Cantwell Smith, CH, former Commonwealth Secretary-Gen-eral, 77; Sir Michael Stewart, diplomat, 81; Sir Nigel Strutt, former deputy chairman, Strutt and Parker (Farms), 76; Sir Walter Verco, former secretary, Order of the Garter, 85; Sir Ralph

#### Marriages

Mr C.W. Healey and Miss B.G.R. Cholet marriage took place Tuesday, December 31. Birkenhead, betweer Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Healey, of West Kirby, and Beatrice, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. Cholet, of

Nantes, France. Dr A.J. Slater and Dr C.H. Brace The marriage took place on January II, at Ali Saints Church.

East Budleigh, Devon, between Mrs J. Slater, and Dr Candia Brace, daughter of Dr and Mrs W.L. Brace. The Rev Deryck Markham officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father was attended by Miss Caroline Brace. Nathalie Brace and Chloë Adams. Mr Jonathan Slater was best man.

#### Weekend royal engagements

TODAY: The Princess Royal. will open Murrafield House. Murravfield Avenue, Edinburgh, at 11.30; and, as Patron of the Scottish Rugby Union, will attend the Scotland v England match at Murrayfield at 12.25.

TOMORROW: The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit Holloway Prison-All-Day Visits Scheme, HMP Holloway, at Children Fund,

#### Weekend birthdays

Verney, landowner, 77; Sir Clive Whitmore, civil servant, 57.
TOMORROW: The Right Rev S.F. Allison, former Bishop of Winchester, 85: Miss Nina Bawden, noveist, 67; Sir Alfred Beit, former MP, 89; the Earl of Commence 68: Indee Sir Jona-Carnaryon, 68; Judge Sir Jona-than Clarke, 62; Mr Michael Crawford, actor and singer, 50; Mr Bernard Dunstan, painter, 72: Mr Stefan Edberg, tennis player, 26: Mr Phil Everly, singer, 53: Mr Richard Francis, race-horse trainer, 46: Lord Glentoran, 80: Mr W.K. Gold-

smith. company director, 54.
Mr William Hayden, chairman, Jaguar, 63: Miss Patricia
Highsmith, writer, 71: Mr Hans Honer, bass baritone, 83; Sir Alex Jarratt, former chairman, Smiths Industries, 68: Mr Richard Les-ter, film director, 60: Brigadier Helen Meechie, former director. WRAC, 54; Mr David Newbigging, chairman, Rentokil Group, 58; Mr Nigel Nicolson,

Mr Robert Palmer, singer, 43; Miss Dolly Parton, country music singer and actress, 46: Señor Javier Pèrez de Cuèllar, former secretary-general, United Na-tions, 72: Mr Simon Rattle, conductor, 37; the Duke of St Albans, 53; Sir John Stanley, MP. 50; Mr Keith Topley, senior master, Queen's Bench Division and Queen's Remembrancer, 56: the Earl of Wernyss and March.

Reception

it a reception given by Her Majesty's Government in Edin-burgh Castle for Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme award winners

#### Service dinners

Britannia Royal Naval College Former officers of Drake Division, Britannia Royal Naval e, Dartmouth, May 1955. attended a reunion dinner last night at HMS Drake. Captain D.G. Wixon presided.

The Royal Hampshire Regiment The Lord Lieuenant of Hamp-shire, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, attended a dinner given by officers of The Royal Hampshire Regiment last night at their Regimental Head-

#### Peter Searle

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Peter Searle, 1941-1991, will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on Tuesday, January 28, 1992, at 3.30pm. All who knew Peter are welcome to the

#### Forthcoming marriages

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs C. Borshoff, of Perth, Western Australia, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.L. Crabb. of Wassenaar. The

Mr M.E.W. Hoskyns-Abrahail and Miss F.J. Gordon The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Wren Hoskyns-Abrahali, of Barnes, London, and Fiona, elder

daughter of Mr and Mrs Alasdair

Gordon, of Chorleywood,

Mr H.J.A. Joslin and Miss A.J. Fox

The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Joslin, of Forest Row, Sussex, and Avril elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Dudley Fox. of Farnborough,

Mr J.H. Lawrence-Archer and Miss A.E. O'Keefe

The engagement is announced between James Henry, only son of Brigadier and Mrs J. H. Lawrence-Archer, of Didcot, Oxon, and Anne Elizabeth. daughter of Mrs Jane Bicknell O'Keele and of the late Mr John A. O'Keefe III. of Boston. Massachusetts. USA.

and Dr F. Davies The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr Brian Martin, FRCS, and Mrs G. Martin, of Collingham, West Yorkshire, and Frion, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs Brian Davies, of Shipley. West

Mr M.J. Parry

and Miss C.E. Toogood The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs H. Parry, of Winches Hampshire, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Toogood, of Kingston Seymour, Clevedon. HM Government Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Minister responsible for the Arts in Scotland, was host last night

quarters in Winchester. Brigadier Rogert Long, Colonel of Regi-ment, presided.

Service and afterwards to tea at Commonwealth House, Northumberland Avenue.

The engagement is announced between Alastair, only son of Mr and Mrs E.J. Rapley, of Beyton, Suffolk, and Alexandra, only daughter of Mr and Mrs

Mr M.J. Swinley and Miss E.T.M. McDonald

The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Commander and Mrs J.G.B. Swinley, of Southwold, Suffolk, and Elizabeth, third daughter of Mr and Mrs K.P. McDonald, of Delegations Delegation Conference on the second State of the Palmerstown, Dublin.

Mr A.P. Trower

and Miss S.L. Jones The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Trower, of Cobbam. Surrey, and Sarah, daughter of Mrs Annabelle Jones, of Esher, Surrey, and Mr Kenneth Jones, of

Mr A. Walford and Miss G.A. Rollo

The engagement is announced between Adam, younger son of Mr and Mrs T.G. Wallord, of Highgate, London, and Gail. daughter of Mr and Mrs I.W. Rollo, of Ampney St Peter, Gloucestershire

Mr R.S. Willbourn

and Miss C.V. Gay The engagement is announced between Roger, second son of Dr and Mrs A.H. Willbourn, of Aston, Hertfordshire, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Gay, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr W.H. Woodhouse

and Miss E.P. Romer The engagement is announced between William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs James Woodhouse of Lancing College, Sussex, and Eugenie, younger daughter of Mr Mark Romer, of Clavering, Essex, and Mrs Philippa Romer, of Braughing, Hertfordshire.

#### **OBITUARIES**

Curt Bois, German actor. died on Christmas Day aged 90. He was born in Berlin on April 5, 1901.

THE active career of Curt Bois spanned 80 uninterrupted years, from his stage debut in 1908 to his final film appearance in Wim Wenders's Wings of Desire in 1987. After his father abandoned the family, Curt Bois's mother married the playwright Albert Bernstein-Sawersky, who encouraged the precocious show-business careers of his step-children. In 1908 Curt made his professional debut as Heinerie in Leo Fall's operetta Der fidele Bauer. His film debut was practically simultaneous, since his "Heinerle-duett", with Greta Dierkes, was recorded by an early sound film system and shown in cinemas a few days after the premiere.

More work quickly fol-lowed. In 1909 he played the lead in his stepfather's Christmas play Konig Zipapek and the same year appeared in three films. They were the primitive one-reelers of the period, but when they are viewed today the little Bois still exudes a vitality that is found in few other film actors of the period. In Mutterliebe, a mawkish sentimental drama, his sophisticated, flirtatious glances at the camera seem to confide that he, too, is keenly aware of the absurdity

of the affair. By his early twenties he was a star in Berlin variety and cabaret and recorded a number of songs, some of them composed for him by Mischa Spoliansky and Friedrich Holländer. As a character comedian he appeared in productions by Reinhardt and Piscator and in 1928 had a particular success in Hugo Thimig's production of Charley's Aunt at Vienna's Theater in der Josefstadt.

He was also occupied in the cinema. In his teens he made 16 films including a comedy series in which he co-starred with his elder sister Ilse, and Ernst Lubitsch's celebrated comedy Die Austernprinzessin. Seven more silent films followed in his twenties, with Bois taking starring roles in Der Jüngling aus der Konfektion (1926) and Der Fürst von Pappenheim (1927). Bois's outrageously effeminate character in this film, including an irresistibly comic drag scene, were later anti-Semitic propaganda. With his manic hyperactivity

Harold Hutchinson, CBE,

political journalist, died on

January 5 aged 86. He was

HAROLD Hutchinson was a

political journalist of the left

who managed to attract the

confidence of politicians well

to the right of the papers for

which he worked. He made

his name as a reporter of

trade union affairs but had

no difficulty in making the

transition to political journal-

ism where he became a domi-

nant figure in the Parlia-

mentary lobby. His Westmin-

ster career spanned six pre-

mierships, from Churchill to

His father, a president of

the Amalgamated Engineer-

born on June 9: 1905.

**CURT BOIS** 



Curt Bois (left) with Buster Keaton in The Lovable Cheat, 1949

divided Berlin and chose the

and stylish delivery he moved easily into sound films, and in 1932 directed the short romantic comedy Scherben bringen Glück, in which he

also starred. In February 1933, seeing the rise of Nazism, Bois and his first wife, the soubrette Hedi Ury, left Germany. Their search for a new home took them through Vienna, Prague, Paris, London and New York, where Bois's excellent command of English brought work in several Broadway shows. By 1937 he had arrived in Hollywood, where many of his Berlin acquaintances had preceded him. Like other one-time European stars. Bois was happy to play supporting roles and he became practically indispensable where a camp hairdresser or dress designer was required. Between 1937 and

1950 he appeared in 46 Hollywood pictures, ranging from Golddiggers of Paris and The Hunchback of Notre Dame to Cover Girl, Joe Palooka Meets Humphrey and The Lovable Cheat. Max Ophüls's Caught gave him one of his best roles and he pocket in Casablanca. In 1950 Bois returned to a

East. His last stage appearance in Germany, in 1932, had been as Khlestakov in The Government Inspector. He chose the same role for his first appearance in his homeland after 17 years, at the Deutsches Theater. He enjoyed new success as Puntilla in Brecht's own production of Herr Puntilla und sein Knecht Matti. and in 1955

repeated the role in Alberto

Cavalcanti's film version. In

the East, too, he resumed his career as film director with an adaptation of his own stage production of the Berlin burlesque Ein Polterabend. Dissatisfied with the roles available in East Berlin, in 1954 Bois moved to West Germany, only to find himself boycotted in the ugly pol-

itical atmosphere of the period. After three years, however, he enjoyed outstanding success in a series of leading roles, including Androcles and Argan, in which he was directed by Fritz Körtner. In 1959 he joined the ensemble of the Schiller Theater

In 1978, now an - albeit old man of show business. Berlin show business through Bois celebrated his 70th year so many generations.

the Theater im Palast, East Berlin. The event set off a new career of readings and recordings; from the mid-1960s he had, too, been busy in television. One of his most memorable performances was as Brecht in a 1966 dramatisation of Brecht's appearance before the McCarthy tribunal. Among his few film appearances in later years was his role as the old Jewish refugee in Markus Imhoof's Das Boot ist voll. In 1983 the Berlin Festival

in the theatre with a gala at

paid tribute to a group of great exiles of the Nazi perod, Bois and his one-time costar Dolly Haas among them. He made a personal appearance to present a double-bill, and to demonstrate that he still retained the mischief of the child in the 1909 Mutterliebe, and the physical agility to do the funny walk he originated in the 1928 Der Furst von Pappenheim.

In Wings of Desire Wim Wenders cast Bois, now tiny and withered but with bright eyes behind his large specta-cles, as the spirit of Berlin. It was an appropriate swansong

### HAROLD HUTCHINSON

dated the position it had far-left figure but his later experiences at the hands of gained during the war as men even more to the left Britain's most successful tabprovided Hutchinson with loid: irreverent and radical. early disillusionment about In 1952 Hutchinson was many aspects of the unions of tempted away to the Daily those days. But he joined the Herald, a paper even more Fabian Society and was a firmly committed to the Labdispatch rider during the

ing Union, was originally a Cudlipp triumvirate consoli-

our Party than the Mirror. He was made assistant editor He had various writing and with a brief to write on political and industrial affairs. When the paper changed in 1960 under a new editor. John Beavan, later Lord Ardwick, Hutchinson's role worked in New York and Washington. He returned to also changed.

Becoming the paper's chief political correspondent, he was an immediate success. The last years of Macmillan partner Joan Reader, herself and the administrations of a noted Mirror journalist.

Douglas Home, Wilson and Heath found his work outstanding for its clarity and its obvious insider knowledge Hutchinson could always

see the wry side of politics and politicians though in later years he became increasingly disillusioned with the world of Westminster and even with the party he had supported so long. He stayed with the Herald when it was transformed briefly into the pre-Murdoch Sun, moved back to the Mirror Group in 1969 and retired in the early 1970s.

In the ill-health of his last years he was sustained, as he had been for more than 40 years, by the devotion of his

#### SIR PATRICK HAMILTON

Sir Patrick George Hamilton, 2nd baronet and businessman, died on January 10 aged 83. He was born on November 17, 1908.

AMONG various business, charitable and social interests, Sir Patrick Hamilton was particularly involved with the needs of the disabled. He was president of Possum Controls, a company making ul-tra-sensitive electronic devices to enable paralysed people to operate sophisticated machines, by minimal physical movement. He was a trustee of the Disabled Living Foundation Trust. He also helped to establish Winged Fellowship, an organisation which runs specially equipped homes to provide holidays for severely disabled people.

Hamilton was the only son of Sir George Hamilton, a-popular and well-known Conservative member of the House of Commons and an active businessman. His mother, Lady Hamilton, was a member of the Simon family, who were prominent in business in the north-west and active in politics, local and national, in the Liberal interest

Patrick Hamilton attended a preparatory school at which a contemporary pupil recalls — the children's wartime diet was limited and austere. and, for those who eventually qualified to sit at the head-master's table, the main dish for breakfast for the pupils was often a solitary sardine. This was made to seem even more austere in the light of its contrast with the large dish of fried eggs and bacon which that somewhat insensitive headmaster consumed daily under the eyes of a dozen hungry and envious little

From this school he went to Eton, where he was not particularly happy, and from there to Trinity College, Oxford. His hospitality at Trinity was generous even by the ample standards of Oxford in 1927. At this time his hereditary concern with politics led him to the chairmanship of the University Conservative Association through which he saw a good deal of the future Conservative leaders of his generation.

But Hamilton did not follow his father into the House of Commons, Instead, he moved into the business empire of the Simon family. He started his own company, l'vresoles, for retreading moan executive director of the pany of Manchester where he quickly demonstrated what a good and practical man of . Cambridge. business he was.

The war imposed many business problems on him and he felt some embarrassment at not being in uniform, like most of his contemporaries. However, he would have had some difficulty in establishing the degree of physical fitness which the Army insists upon and he was far more usefully engaged in the specialist business duties of which he was a master. He was director of propeller production from 1943-4, helping to overcome problems of

Supply.

After the war he moved into a splendid London house in Cheyne Walk. He was by now a rich man, but he always felt embarrassment when it was revealed that the fine Bentley which he kept in Cheyne Walk was matched by an identical sister ship kept under wraps as much as possible.

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Hamilton was a director of Lloyds Bank for 26 years from 1953 and chairman of Expanded Metal Company from 1955 to 1978. For two years from 1957 he was chairman of the advisory committee on commercial information overseas and then, for three years, deputy chairman of the export publicity council. He was also chair-man of the transport users' consultative committee. north west area. 1957-64. and a member of the central transport consultative committee, 1963-4. He was a member of the Independent Television Authority for five years from 1964 and then, for six years, chairman of the



Central Middlesex Group Hospital management

By reason of his intellect. his abilities and his background, Hamilton was able to make a massive contribution to the world of industry and business. People realised "that he knew what he wa tor-car tyres and later became talking about and his opinions were clear and highly Simon Engineering Com- practical As he aged his health began a slow deterioration and he retired to live in

He leaves his widow, Pix.

#### WILLIAM **REES-DAVIES**

THERE was a side to Billy first wife, Jane, were the most generous of hosts. He suffered severe and communal pain following the loss of his arm. He bore his affliction with great courage.

Robin Simpson, QC writes: I never heard him complain once. Finally, though it must be said he was some-Rees-Davies's character (obit- what unpredictable, as an aduary January. 14) which I vocate he could be absolutely remember with affection, and first class. As a very young I am sure others feel likewise. junior I heard him cross-ex-He could be a most amusing amine an experienced prison companion, and he and his doctor upon the issue of insanity in a murder trial in front of Mr Justice Slade at the Central Criminal Court. I have never forgotten it. It was one of the finest cross-exami-

#### the paper's greatest days when the Bartholomew-King-Church services tomorrow

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Heath.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 9 30 S. Euch Our Lady Undercroit: 9.30 M: 11 S. Euch, Vaughan Williams In G. minor. Grieur Stella IHandij, The Dean: 3.15 E. Responses (Piccoio), Baltricow L. D. The Taree Kings (crimeleus: 6.50 United Service for Christian Unity, Carolinat Bassi Hume. VORK MINSTER: 8 8.45 HC. 10.20 Euch, Stanford in C. Very Re J. Southgate, 11.30 M. Responses (Rosen, Te Deum in E, Jubliale in B flaz 4 Ep (Saidi: 6.30 Epiphany Procession. ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 10.30 TAILLY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 10.30 M. RESPONSES (MOTIFY). TO DOWN A JUDILAR INOYE IN A). REY M. SAWGILL 11.30 HC. MISSE Brevis In C. (MOZARIC, O praise the Lord (Banten): 315 E. Collegium Regate (Wood in F), io. Starled chiefs (Crutch). Rev B Beck. led chiefs (Crotch). Rev B Beck. WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M. Stanford in B flat, Ubi carrias (Durufié). Brother P Moore: 11.15 Abbey Euch. Missa Bevis (Walton). Rev P Ferguson; J E. Arise, shine. Blair in B minor. The shepherfs tarewell (Berlioz). Canon A Harvey: 5.45 Organ Recital. 6.30 ES. Canon D Gray SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC: 11 Euch. Schubert in G. Here is the little Goof Illoweils). There is no mee

SOUTHWARK CAMEDICAL 9 HC: 11 Euch. Schuber in G. Here is the imie door iHowelisi, There is no rose Uouberth Canon Barbara Wollaston: 3 E. Megdalen Service (Leightonii, When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohni, Rev N Worm Worm.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Mass 7,
8, 9, 12, 5, 30, 6; 10, 30, 5M. Mass In G
Schubern; Iubilaie Deo (Gabriei).
Prelude in E flat (Bach), 2,30 Organ
Recital: 3,30 Solemin V & B. Magnifican
primi toni (Victoria), Sicut cervus
(Palestrina). Le Berger d'Alusquy
(Bonnab)

(Bonnal)
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL South-wark 6 LM (Sat); 8 LM. 10 Children's Service; 6 LM. 11-30 HM, L'Hora Passa (Wadana), Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach), Fr M Mac An Bheatha. IBACH). Fr M MAC AN BREAIRA.
GREEK GRYTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF
THE DIVINE WISDOM, MOSCOW Rd, W2:
4 30 M: 11 DIVINE LITURGY.
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF
THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF
GOD. Ennismore Gdns, SWT: 10 30
DIVINE LITURGY.
SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF
ST SAYVA. Lancasier Rd, W11: 10.30
Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL St. James's Palace 8.30 HC, 11.15 MP. Gloria in Excelsis (Weelkes), Bishop of St Albans, ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea, \$39'-11 M. Almighty God (Barerolic), Three Kings

(Cornelius). Prelude in E minor (Bach).
Rev G Claston.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY.
WC2: 11 M. Te Deum (Yaughan Williams in Gl. All they from Saba (Handli. The Chapiain: 12 JO HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL.
Green-ich. SEID. 11 S Euch. From the rising of the sun (Duseley, Lo. star-led chiefs (Croich). The Chapiain.
GUARDS CHAPEL. Weilington Barracks. SWI. 11 M. O Thou who at Thy Eucharist did. pray (Gibbons). Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is (Clarke-Wnitfleich, Rev Fr T J Makings: 12 HC Isaldu.
GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 11 IS Dwine Service. Canon E James
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11. Tell out my soul of Dudley-Smiths. Warbunon Leture "To Leas upon the Comion of God". Most Rev D Worlock. Archibishop of Deeppool.

General Strike of 1926.

research posts before joining

the old British United Press

in 1939. He was a war corres-

pondent in France and then

join the Daily Mirror in

1945 as a trade union corres-

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GOOT, MOST NEW PROPERTY OF LONDON, EC.) [1] M & Sermon, Responses (Leighton), Te Deum (Charli), Jubilate (Walton), Vidences Stellam (Poulenc), Canon J G Videnues Stellam (Poulenci, Canon J G M w Murphy, TEMPLE CHURCH, Flect Street EC-8.30 MC: 11.13 MF. Responses tayleward: From the rising of the sur (Ouseley), To Deem Landamus (Ireland In F), Justillate One (Ireland In F), Lo-star-led chiefs (Crotch), Res Canon J Robinson.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2. 9 HC 11 Choral Euch. Rev A T R Goode
CNAPEL ROYAL Hampton Court Palace 8-30 HC: 11 M. Boyce in A. Praise
to God in the highest (Campbell). J.30
E. Che almes of Thy goods (Tyc).
worceser Service (Howeits). Lot star-led
chiefs (Crotch).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: || S Euch, Rev | C Thurston

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All SAINTS, Margaret Street, WI & &
5.15 LM: II HM, Mass in G minor
(Vaughan Williams). Quem vidistis
pastores (Poulenct, The Vicar, 6 E & 8.
Watson in E. They that go down to the
sea at ships (Sumston). Rev P McGeary. sea in snips (sumsion). Rev F McGeary. ALL SOULS. Languam Flace. W1: 11. Canon J Chapman: 6.30 Canon Chapman. CHELSEA OLD CHURCH. Chryne Walk. SW: 8 & 12 HG: 10 Children's Service: 11 M, Mr D N Royce: 6 E. Preb C E L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA. SW3 8

HC: 11 S Euch. Re: N Vigers.

GROSYENOR CHAPEL South Audiey
Street: 8.15 HC. 11 S Euch. Communon Service in C & F IStanfordi.

Videntes stellam Poulenc: Ase verum
corpus (Bruckner., Carillon Iviernes
Res A W Marks.)

remaings.
HOLY TRINITY. Prince Consort Road.
SW7: 8 30 HC: 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr M
israel HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SWI: 8.30 & 12.10 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Rev K tates ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St. EC(1, 9,30 SM: 11 HM, MbSa Brovis capellae regale janthomy Caesar). Preb J Gaskelk 5,30 LVI.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT,
Smithfield ECI: 9 HC: 11 M. Boyce in
A. A. The Shepherds' Fareweit (Berliott.
The Rector: 0.30 Choral Euch. Missa
Ave Jesu (Oldroyd). A. Star of the Mystic
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ST JAMES'S, SUSSEN GARDENS, W2: 8
HC 10:30 S Euch, Mass in G (Schuben).
There shall be a star (Mendelssohn).
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the fine door Howelss, The vicar ST Link? S. Chelses. 503, 8 & 12.15 HC. 10.30 S. Euch. The top's Service Visions: I sing of a maiden Berkeley. O magnum mysterium (Poulenck, Rev S. Warson: 6.30 E. Justorum animae 'Bev D Watson! D watson: ST MARK'S, Regenin Park Rd, KW1 8 HC: 10 Family C: 11 8 Euch Missa Bresh in B flat (Mozani Tantum ergo (Duruffer Res T Desonshite Jones)

ST MARGARET'S. Westminster. SWI:
11 5 Euch, Ireland in C, All they from
Saba Otanoli, Bishop Edward Holland.
ST MARTIN-NH-THE-FIELDS. WC2 8 &
12.30 HC. 9.45 Euch, Rev M Henrevod.
& Manuela Syles: II:30 Visitors to
London Service. Rev W Ratchford: 2.45
Chinese Service (HC). Rev Dr Joyce
Bennett: 5. Choral E: 6.30 ES. Rev J
Fridmore. PTIGHTOFE ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, We: 8 a 12.30 HC: 9.30 Parish Euch, Rev F Gelli: 11 15 M. The Vicar: 6.30 E. Rey F Gelli:

Rector: 6.30 ES.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Charch).

Strand WC2 11 Sung Communion, Rev
E Thompson.

ST MICHAELS, Chester Square. SW1;
8.15 NC. 11 MP. Informal ES & HC at
Grey Coul Hospital School. Graftam
Terrace. SW1 and Informal ES as St
James the Less Church. Vauxhall-Bridge
Road. SW1.

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ST PALL'S. On-low Square. SW7: 10.30 Transh MC 6.30 Informal Service.
ST PAUL'S. Wilson Piece. SW1: 8.49 HC: 11 Solemn Euch. Missa Brevis In Diffusion Human to St Peter (Britten).
Panis Abgelicus (Dering). Prob H LOAD.

ST MARY'S, Primiose Hill, NW3: 8 HC-10.30 Parish Euch, Missa O Magnum

DASON ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SWI: 8.15 HC 10 Family Mass: 11 SM, Mass Frank Marum, Videntes stellam (Pou-icne) Fr A Chidwick icno Fr A Chidwick.

ST SIMON ZELOTES. Milner Street.

SW: 3 Frc (1 Parish C Howelts), My shepherd is the living Lord (Tomkins). The Lord hites you and keep you ikuten: 6.30 E. Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S. Glonceser Road: SW7: R & 9 LM: 11 SM. Messe ohne Gloria and Credo IBrucknen. O magnum my terium (vinoria). Tantum ergo (Durultet. Fr Cohen. 6 Z & B.

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ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND. Port Street, SWI. 17 Confurna-tions. Rev J H McIndoe, 6.30 Rev W Alexander Calins CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND. Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & h.30 Rev H Stanley C Hood. CHURCH OF OUR LADY. Lisson Greve. St John's Wood 10.45 Mass for five totice (Byrd). O Magnum mysterium 18) rdi

CHURCH OF OUR MOST HORY RE-DEEMER, Cheyne-Row, 58/3: 10, 11, 12.15 & 6.30-Fr P Nolan. FARM STREET, WI: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 Lbt. 11 HM Sung Latin), Missa Brevis (Grayston Ives, Cantate Domlino (De Kleris, Jesu duicia macrooria (Shepheng).

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7 7. 8. 9. 10. 11 Mass, Mass in B flat (Schubert). Pastores loquebantur (Guerreto). 12.30. 4.30. 7; 3.30 V & B. Puer qui natur est noble. ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Piace: 11 Sung Mass: Mass in G (Schubert), Jubilate Deo (Lassus). Fague in F (Bach). ST MART'S. Cadegan Street, SWJ: Masses 8.30, 10, 11, Missa Sine Nomine (Palestrina). Jubilizae Deo (Mo-carti. Ave. Gralla. Piena. (Verdonci). 12.15, 6.36. OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Sired, WS 6.30 EM (Sat): 8.30, 10 12.30, 6.30 LM, 11 15 SM (Latin). AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd. WI: 945 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev R Allison. CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, ECJ: 10.30 Rev

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, Kings Road SW3: 11 Rev M Braddy: 6 Mr T Weatlans MIT Y WESTERN METHODIST CHURCH, WITH I REV D Cruise 630 Rev P HOLF KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic, Konner Hill Cate, Will: 9, 11, 2.30, 6.30 ft 9 RENSINGTON URC. Allen Street. W8: 11 C 6.30 Rev P Lovein. REGENT SQUARE URC. (Presbyterian-Congregational). Tavistock Place. WC1: 11 Rev 8 K Teney, 5.30 Pilgrim's Praisa. SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Ox-lord St Wi: II Major Beryl Warren; 6,30 Licumenant M. Brummin. Licumenant M. Brummin.

ST ANDREW'S URC. Frognal Lane
NWS: IT Rev Fr M Brockte.

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ST JOHN'S WOOD URC. NWS: 11 MS. WESLEYS CHAPPI City Road EC2: 9.45 HC: 11: MS. Rev P Huime & the Bishop of London. WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Mclb cd/q) SWI 11 & 0.30 Rev Dr R J Tudor WESTMINSTER CHAPEL Buckingha Gate.SWI: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendal WESTMINSTER MEETING SOC OF FRIENDS (Quakers, 52 St. Ma La WC2: 11. Meeting for worship

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#### Holyrood Park study

A study into the running of Holyrood Park, Edinburgh, is to be carried out by its management.
Historic Scotland, with help from
the Nature Conservancy Council
for Scotland and Scottish Wildlife Trust (Kerry Gill writes).
The main aim of the year-long

nations I have ever heard.

study is to discover and possibly implement the ideas of local people on how the park should be run. Community groups. gency services will be among 90 organisations invited to comment on issues such as its usage, and its istorical and scientific value.

The 650-acre city centre jun-gle has its own 800ft high extinct pie nas is own occur nign extract volcano and is according to Cathy Tilbrook, park project of-ficer, "an outstanding rec-reational area for the people of Edinburgh".

#### Appointments

Latest appointments include: Sir Gordon Slynn to be a member of the Privy Council, on his appointment as a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary.

Mr John Danilovich, UK Chairman of Republicans Abroad, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal Commission, appointed by Presidem Bush.

#### Egypt visit

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will make an official five-day visit to Egypt next week at the invitation of President Mubarak who last July made the first state visit to Britain by an Egyptian ruler in 64 years.

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#### Church news

Clergy appointments The Rev Jonathan Ball, Assistant Curate, Blakenhall Heath Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, Engelsy Team Ministry (Lichteld). The Rev Christopher Royle, Record, 55 Mary and Margaret, Castle Brounwich to be also Deam of Coleshill (Birmingham). The Rev Canon Derek M Birston, Priest-Incharge, Woodhouse and Woodhouse Enver West, Woodhouse and Woodhouse Enver Medicari, Woodhouse and Woodhouse Enver Vicer, Wobuldune and Wood, Kenwyn with Stalien; to be also an Honorary Canon of Truto Cathedral (Trun).

The Rev John Caldicon, Vicar, All Sabras, Howe to be also Rural Dean of Hove (Chichester). The Rev Barly M Clarke, Assistant Curate, St James, Northermyton: to be also Anglican Capitain to Nene College, Northampton (Pershorough).

Chapitin to Nene College, Northampson (Peurborough).

The Rev Canon George F J Crase, vicas,

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Mountsorrei Christ Church and S. Peter, to be

also Rural Deen of Alzeley East (Leicesten).

The Rev Martyn R Davis, Assistant Curate, All

Saints, Hove (Chichester): to be Peurchorough

Diocesan Youni Officer.

The Rev Beryl Davison, Parish Deacon, Consent

to be Deacon-In-charge, Holmside (Durham).

The Rev Sunar W Deane, Assistant Curate,

Bromyard (Hereford: to be vicas, Astisay, Clive,

Grinshill and Hadmall Ulchniedd).

The Rev W John: N Durant, Team Vicas, S.

Martin, Morden Team Ministry (Southeard: to

be Vicas, Frindsbury, W Upnor (Rochester).

The Rev James F Edwards, Vicas, St Colombi

Minor and St Colour to be also an Homosary

Canon of Truro Cathedral (Printy).

The Eav James Fife, Parish Deacon, St Michael-le
Betirey, York (Trick): to be Angilean Chambain,

Saiford University and University College,

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Saiford (Manchester). Salford University and University College, Salford Odenchester).

The Rev Daniel J E Fiert, Assistant Curate, Boldmere (Birmingham): to be Assistant Curate, Boldmere (Birmingham): to be Assistant Curate, Boldmere (Birmingham): to be Assistant Curate, Include (Birmingham): to be Revenue for Nicholas Filmt, Bishop's Assistant Chaplain for the Homeless London's to be Team Vicar, Itield (Chichester).

The Rev Leonard Por, Vicar, St John the Baptist, Ryde, Isle of Wight to be Priess-in-Cherge, All Salmist Portses, and Director of All Salmist Portses, and Director of All Salmist Urban Mission Cerain (Portsmouth).

The Rev Graham. A Friend, non-sipendlary Minister, deanery of wellingborough: to be non-sulpendiary Priest-in-charge, Mears Asthry and

Hardwick and Sywell w Oversome (Peter-borough). The Rev Raiph H Garnett, Priest-in-charge. Foundabope Broethamptom: Fawey, to be also Rural Dean of Hereford Rural Dieterbord. The Rev Michael Golightly, Team Viear, North Shields (Newcastiet: to be Chaplain to Winertom and Sedgefield Community Hospitals (Durham). The Rev Elchard J S Grigson, Assistant Curan, West Bromwich St Francis: to be Viear, Smallthorne St Saviour (Lichfield). The Rev Clare Herbert, non-stipendiary minister and a fall time social worker: to be Pastoral Care Adviser within the Family Education Department of Lay Ministry within the diocese of London. London.
The Rev Ian M Hubbard, Corate, Battersea St
Many (Southwarth: to be Vicar, Winscombe (Bath Mary (Southwark: to be vicin, which wells, and Wells).
The Rev Ashley Hum, Rector, St Thomas Episcopal Church, Windsor, North Carolina. USA: to be Team Vicar, Melion Gress Framland

(Leicester). The item straint of the control of the (Manchester). The Rev Anthony R Osborne, Team Vicer, Hanley Gloty Brangelist Glichfield: to be Diocesan Social Esponsibility Officer and non-Residentiary Canon of Hereford Cathedral

#### **Anniversaries**

Today

BIRTHS: Charles Louis de Secondar, Baron de Montesquiet, philosopher, Bordeaux, 1689; Sir Edward Frankland. chemist, Churchtown, Lancashire, 1825;-Alexis Chabrier, composer, Ameri. France, 1841: Sir Edmund Barton, first prime minister of Australia 1901-03, cy, 1849; Metapa, Nicaragua, 1867; A A Milne, children's writer and dramatist, London, 1882: Cary Grant, actor, Bristol, 1904.

DEATHS: Jan van Riebeck, surgeon, founder of Cape Town. Djakarta. Indonesia, 1677: John Tyler, 10th presi-dent of the USA 1841-45, Richmond. Virginia, 1862; Edward Bulwer Lytton, st Baron Lytton, novelist and politician, Torquay, 1873; Rudyard Kipling, the first British writer to be awarded the Nobel prize for literature 1907. London. 1936; Sir Cecil Beaton, photographer, stage and film designer, Wiltshire, 1980; Bruce Chatwin, writer, 1989.

Captain Robert Scott and his expedition arrived at the South Pole, 1912.

1942.

BIRTHS: James Watt, inventor, Greenick 1736: Johann Bode, astronomer, Hamburg, 1747: August Conne, philosopher, founder of Positivism, Mont-pellier, 1798; Robert E. Lee, Confederate oin-c in the American Civil War, Stratford, Virginia, 1807; Edgar Allan Poe, er, Boston, M Henry Bessemer, pioneer of steel produc-tion, Chariton, Hertfordshire, 1813: Paul Cezanne, painter, Aix-en-Provence 1839; Augustine Birrell, politician and writer. Wavertree, Lancashire, 1850.

DEATHS: Henry Howard, Earl Surrey, poet and courrier, London, 1547; Hans Sachs, poet and dramatist, Nuremberg, 1576; William Congreve, dramatist, London, 1729; Louis Herold, composer, Les Ternes, France, 1833; Pierre Proudhon, socialist, Paris, 1865.

The first air raid on Britain - on Yarmouth, 1915. Japan invaded Burma,

#### ON THIS DAY **JAN 18**

Kissing the Book is a practice now discarded - along with the veil.

> KISSING THE BOOK

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir. - Though the alarming results likely to ensue from "kissing the book" may perhaps have been exaggerated, the fact remains that the present practice is open to criticism. There is not only the hygienic objection, but there is the well-known opportunity for the shady witness to kiss his thumb and thereby salve his conscience, and there is also the delicate duty of requesting a female witness to raise her veil.

It is of great importance that the oath, in whatever form, should be decorously administered (though I (ear this is not always the case), and it is highly desirable that its shouid administration

In an ordinary Police Court a very large number of witnesses may have to take the oath in the course of a single sitting; and the foreman of a grand jury may have to swear some hundreds of witnesses before his

labours are completed. Under the present usual system the oath is administered by the chairman or by the usher of the Court, and the part of the witness is soon fulfilled in kissing the book in

token of acquiesence. But in the case of the Scottish form of oath the words must be recited by the chairman or usher, and repeated, as well as may be, by the sometimes nervous, often igno-

rant, witness. If decorum is to be observed, it is desirable to insist upon accuracy of language; and it is evident that this

means expenditure of time. Doctors, indeed, not infrequently prefer to ne sworn in Scottish fashion, and this occasions no loss of time, as they are generally acquainted with the formula; but to the ordinary witness the words "I swear by Almighty God, as I hope to answer to him in the great Day of Judgment" are a formidable stum-

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bling-block. Is not a compromise possible? We are told that the precise form of the oath is immaterial, so long as

it is considered binding. Why not continue to use the present familiar words, administered by the chairman or usher, the witness raising his right hand in the sight of all men to testify his

I am, Sir, yours obediently. E P ARNOLD-FOSTER, Chairman, Otley Division, West Riding, Yorks.

Cathedine, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Sir, A simple remedy for all aggrieved persons in this matter is to use - as I do - their own New Testament which they can obtain for one penny, published by the British and Foreign Bible Society. Yours obediently.

C. E. MAXWELL

Signal Hayes, Walmley. Jan. 15.

Sir. In reference to the letters, article, and remarks which have recently been written and published in regard to administering oaths in Courts of Justice, will you allow one who has in the course of a long official career sworn some hundreds of witnesses of all persuasions to say a few words on the subject? ...

A great number of witnesses now open the book and kiss the inside; and that, as Mr Cave suggested at recent quarter sessions in Surrey, is surely the best plan, and perhaps will be adopted after reading his or those remarks on the subject.

I quite agree that many of the books now in use are scarcely fit for use, and I have always thought that new Old and New Testaments should be supplied to each Court every year, say, at the commencement of the legal year and old books would be most thankfully received by missioners and others in many poor London districts.

I remain, your obedient servant, AN OLD OFFICIAL

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Janaury 12.

garbenh, and turn back to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compositional, long suffering and ever con-stant, ready always to relent when he threatens diseaser. Joel 2:13 REB

RIRTHS

TATTERSALL - On January
18th. at Hartland House.
Milinthorpe. Combria. Fred
Tattersall, husband of the
late Margaret, father of
Deborah, Alison and Lindsay
and grandfather of Rachel,
Andrew. Edward. Flona.
Richard. Gabriel. Kalle and
Joanna. Service will take
place at Lancaster Crematorium on Wednesday January
22nd at 2 pm. Family
flowers only, donations if
desired to the Abbeyfield
Society. c/o Fishwicks
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Road, Milinthorpe. LA7 7AD.
tel: 065395) 63108.
WEBSTER - On January BLACKMAN - On January 14th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Ken and Penny, a son, Sam. CHERRY - On January 13th, COLEMUTT - On January 15th, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, in Rebecca (née Hardy) and John, a son. George Edward Balfour. WEBSTER - On Janua 16th, Pameia, beloved w of Ken, peacefully after a brave battle against filness. Funeral on Wednesday 22nd

COX - On December 31st, to Rosemary (née Postance) and Rosemany (née Postance) and Victor, a daughter, isabelle Madeleine Annette. GOLDSMITH - On December HILINTER BLAIR - see Wolf.

JASIEWICZ - On Friday
January 17th 1992, at
B.G.H. Metrose, Borders, to
Emma-Rose the Saker) and
Joef a son, Charles
Alexander. JOHNSON - On January 13th KNIGHT - On January 10th 1992 at 23:58, to Helen (née Morrison) and Lyndon, son, Christopher David,

son, Crimopes Levie,
McFADYEM - On January
14th 1992, al Queen's
University Hospital,
Nottingham, to Jenny (née
Parkes) and Tony, a son,
Alexander James, a brother Alexander .
for Charles MORRIS - On January 6th 1992, to Ann (the Rowley) and Julian, a son. Oliver Charles Laurence.

MURPHY - On January 6th, to Flona (née McKinney) and Nell, a son. Charles Henry McKinney. a brother for Antonia Zara. ICKETTS - On 15th. to Caroline (née Burns) and Maurice, a daughter, Annabel Caroline Mathida. SUSSELL - On January 16th

dawanter. SAKER - see Jaslowicz. SALMON - On January 11th 1992, to Raquel and Richard, a daughter. Gabriella Maria, a sister for Jenniter and Richard. Thanks to all at The Portland Hospital. STUMP - On January 10th, at Mona Vale Hospital, Sydney, Australia, to Caroline (née Lord) and Hughle, a son,

WALLER - On January 14th. al The Portland Hospital, to Susan (née Knowles) and James, a son. Guy Charles Patrick. WOLF - On January 10th, to Jene (née Hunler Blair) and Max, a daughter, Cordella iris, a sister for Oliver, Louis and Gabriella.

DEATHS BIRLEY - On January 15th 1992, peacefully in hospital. Elinor Margaret Birley, aged 87. widow of Sir Robert Sirley, Funeral on Thursday January 23rd al 3 pm. Putney Vale Crematorium. Flowers to Ashton Funeral Service, 221 Upper Richmond Road, SW15. 081-788 1790 or donations to Oxfam. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. BLECKNESS On January 15th. HRLEY - On January 15th 1992, peacefully in hospital

will be held at a later date.

RHCKREER On January 15th,
suddenly. Revd. Richard.
aged 54, Chaplain of
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Northwood. Worksop Bideford. No flowers but donations please for Asthma Research c/o Lloyd Durham. 11A Avenue Road. High Kelling, Holi, Norfolk. Keiling, Heit, Norrolk.

CHANDLER - On January
15th 1992, pearchulty at
King's College Hospital.
London, Richard Douglas.
Funeral Service to be held at
Mortlake Crematorium on
Tuesday January 21st 1992
at 5.30 pm.
COLGUINGEN - On January

at 5.50 pm.

COLQUHOUN - (m January

Tomahilly, Dona) 16th, pearefully. Donald Colgulioun, aged 72 years, of Stuckgowan, Tarbet, Loch Lornond, beloved husband of Josephine and father of James, Iain and Catherine. Funeral private.

Funeral private.

ELLIS - On January 15th 1992, peacefully in hospital. Peter, beloved husband of Lyn and father of Giffinn, Robin and Simon, much loved 'Grenku'. Service at St. Andrew's Church, Linton Road, Oxford, at 11 am on Thursday January 25rd 1992. Private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The institute of Molecular Medicine c/o karen Douglas. The John Radciffe Hospital, Oxford.

GLEGG - On January 16th 1992. Robert Francis Pillans, peacefully in a nursing home

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Phylits Rosemary.

GRIEVESON - On January
15th 1992. Ethel Gwladys,
iaire of Tokers Green,
peacefully in her 95rd year
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place at Oxford Crematorium
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Nadine and Michal. Funeral
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paacefully at home. Pearl
Valerie, much beloved by her
husband Brigadier F.C.G.
Page and by her children and
grandchildren. Private
cremation. Memorial Service
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Buth, Marriage and Death Notices

(c) Originally US slang applied to music, explained as a clipped form of definite or definite, more likely to come from death as a general intensifying adjective in West Indian English: "Further def vinyl to look out for includes deciay Scott La Rock's album."

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(c) In Scots Law, indemnification by one who has caused a death, from ME assethe amends, from Old French asset adverb mistaken for objective of the nonn aset: "By the law of Scotland the wife and family of the slain have still the right to bring a civil action for assythment."

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(c) A boss-like ornament, used in series in plate etc., to form a cable or thread, from the French godron of uncertain origin.

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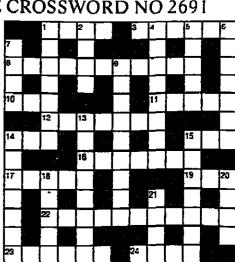
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tion of positions from his games. Today's position is from the game Short — Lubojevic, Belgrai 1989. White to play and win. Send your answer on a post-card with your name and address to: *The Times*. 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will wi Batsford chess book. The answer and the winners will be printed next Saturday Solution (Jan 11): 1 ... Ra1+. The winners are: J. Sheeke London SW6. K. Simpson. Mansheld, Dr I Derham,

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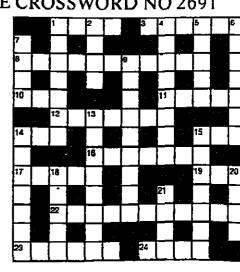


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8.00 Fantastic Four Cartoon selventures (1937470) 8.25 Dr. Songolés. Animation (5060031) 6.55 Once Upon a

9.30 Pictures in the Mind. A drama documentary about a deat

teenaged boy who cannot read, write or communicate (r) (63019)
10.30 Wagon Train: The Falizia Kingdom Story (b/w). Vintage
Western drama series starring Robert Horizon (80186)
11.30 Films: When Willie Comes Marching Horse (1949, b/w) starring
Dan Daily: Erratic, sentimental John Ford comedy about a small-

1.00 Billiantic Czech animation made by Bretislav Poler (61309505)
1.10 Channel it Hacing from Kempton Park. Live coverage of the
1.20, 1.50, 2.20 and 2.50 races (70277708)
3.15 Fibra Young Mr. Liveoln (1939, b/w).

CHOICE: According to his grandson, John Ford's tim of the early life of Abraham I month was taken on minimatives. a shirter

events beyond his control (80944)

town American who becomes a second world war here through

early life of Abraham Lincoln was taken on reluctantly as a studio chore. According to Ford himself it was a personal project, based on wide research. For once we can believe Ford, without accepting

his claim that "everything in the picture is true". This is the Fordian

view of American history, romanuc, populist and based on the sturdy pioneering values of the rural west. Henry Fonda was

overaised by the thought of playing an American legend. Ford told him the role was of the gawky, young lawyer, not the great emancipator. The film has episodes rather than a plot, a first love

which ends tragically, the wooning of Mary Todd and the defence of two brothers on a murder charge. Praising Young Mr Lincoln for its artistry and beauty, the great Soviet director Sergel Eleanstein seid it was the American film he would most like to have made

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8.00 Country Comes Home. Country music special hosted by Daniel
O'Donnell. The guests are Charley Pride and the Judds (2215)
9.00 Dirk Bogarde: By Myself
© CHOICE: In a another hour of high quality talk Sir Dirk cheels
revealingly on half a dozen or so of his films, starting with Victim
which is being shown after the programme. Bogarde has been
nothing if not adventurous. Victim may have but in 1961 if was a

its subject, the persecution of homosexuals, but in 1961 it was a bold project for the British cinema. It took courage from Bogarde to

DOID project for the Emesh chemic. It took courage from sogarde to play the blackmailed bentster, ironically the first choice with thew because he feared it might prejudice a knighthood. When Bogarde mentioned Victim to his father the reply was: "Couldn't you do something more interesting, like The Mayor of Casterbridge?" Bogarde also recalls his collaboration with the blackdisted American Joseph Losey and fills in the background to another contentious picture. The Alight Porter. He reckors his latest time. Clarkfu Mostaling many he had least title mint surely have interested.

Daddy Nostatoje, may be his last. We must surely hope not. (Teleterd) (2079)

On the tracks of a blackmailer. Disk Bogarde (10.00pm)

marriage and career to track down a blackmailer. Directed by Best

10.00 Film: Victim (1961, b/w) starring Dirk Bogarde. Taboo-breaking but dated thriller about a homosexual bartister who risks his

Dearden (196925)

11.55 One Night Stand. Comedience Judy Tenuta at the Philmore Theatre, San Francisco (r) (a) (168654)

12.25em Fam: La Cage our Folice & (1990) staning Ugo Tognazzi and Michel Sensuit. Inferior sequel to the hit camp caper about two St

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Time ... Space. Exploring the universe (6370470) 7.25 The Complete Sider The first of a series of eight lessons (r) (2956470)

7.56 Trans World Sport International sporting news and features.

ing summary (7798050) followed by Racing: The Morning Line

#### BBC 1

7.25 News and weather (2831692) 7.30 Crystal Tipps and Alistair. Animation (r) (4667215) 7.35 Wiz

Bang: Fun and games (s) (9129925) 7.45 The Jetsons. Space age cartoon series (r) (8609012) 8.05 Eggs 'n' Baker. Cheryl Baker's music and cookery series. This

week's edition is devoted to vegetables (7947418) 8.35 Thundercats. Cartoon adventures (r) (2560876) 9.00 Going Live! presented by Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield. The

guests include the editor of the Sunday Express. Eve Pollard, who presents the late night ITV discussion series The Truth About Women, world champion mountainbiker Tim Gould and environmentalist Jonathon Porntt (s) (70143031) 12.12 Weather (5528166) 12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to

alteration): 12.20, 12.40 and 1.20 Rugby Union: a preview of this afternoon's opening matches in the Five Nations championship: 12.25, 12.55 and 1.30 Racing from Haydock Park; 1.10 News; 1.15 Cricket: highlights of the first day's play in the first Test between New Zealand and England at Christchurch, 1.45 Rugby Union: live coverage of the Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfie between Scotland and England followed by live coverage of the second half of the game at Lansdowne Road between Ireland and Wales The commentators in Edinburgh are Bill McLaren and Bill Beaumont, in Dublin, Nigel Starmer-Smith and Hugo MacNeill. Northern treland and Wales: live coverage of all of Ireland v Wales; 4.35 Final Score (90070437)

5.05 News and weather (1696437) 5.15 Regional News and sport (7951079) Wales: (to 5.50) Wales on

5.20 One to Win. Andrew O'Connor introduces three more trivia quiz contestants hoping to win a luxury holiday. (Ceefax) (s) (7767692)
5.50 Noel's House Party Resistible fun and games with Noel Edmonds and his guests Dennis Quilkey and Nicholas Parsons (929012)

6.40 Big Break. Snooker and general knowledge quiz game hosted by Jim Davidson with John Virgo. The guests are Dennis Taylor. Tony

Drago and Mike Hallett (Ceelat) (s) (690296)
7.10 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. Among tonight s illusions is our chtrpy host trying to escape from a solid, air-tight box. Also making an appearance are Canadian acrobal Jean Nedel and Juan Mayoral, a magician (rom Spain, (Ceelax) (s) (958079)
7.55 Moon and Son. Amiable thriller senes from Robert Banks Stewart

of Bergerac starring Millicent Martin as the psychic sleuth Gladys Moon and John Michie as her more down-to-earth investigator son Trevor. Tonight they use respective talents to investigate the disappearance in Normandy of a young mechanic, Joe Thorpe, who liked to play at being an American soldier (Ceefax) (s) (559857)

8.50 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (733215) 9.10 That's Life! Consumer affairs investigations presented by Esther Rantzen. (Ceefax) (986963)

9.50 Midnight Caller: The Language Barrier. The stylish adventures of Jack Killian (Gary Cole), a late night phone-in radio host. Killian provokes a clash between San Francisco's Chinese and Italian communities when he airs the topic of ethnic unrest after his producer Billy Po is a victim of a racially-motivated attack. With Dennis Dun and Wendy Kilbourne (s) (840963)



Evil psyche: Richard Burton with Lee Remick (10.40pm)

10.40 Film: The Medusa Touch (1978) starring Richard Burton and Lea Remick. Far-fetched paranormal thriller about a man who claims he has the power to create catastrophe but leaves his psychiatrist unconvinced. Directed by Jack Gold (81233296)
12.25am Weather (6051258)

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 6.00am Danger Bay (19944) 6.30 What a Country (35050) 7.00 Fun Factory (9541370) 11.00 Transformers (14418) 11.30 Star Trek (15147) 12.00 Beyond 2000 (96944) 1.00pm Combai (84522) 2.00 WWF Supersiars of Wresting (27031) 3.00 Monkey (19953) 4.00 The Man Irom Atlantis (6708) 6.00 Robin of Sherwood (94128) 7.00 T.J. Hooker (48963) 9.00 Unsolved Mysteries (96982) 9.30 Cops 1 (99673) 10.00 All Amagement Missettines

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#### 88C Z 8.45 Open University (12054505)

11.05 I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing. Voice coach lan Adam with third of his four-part masterclass (r) (8603302) 11.45 Just Another Day, John Pitman goes behind the scenes of Settrages store in Oxford Street, London (r) (170470)

12.15 Film: Split Second (1953, b/w) slaring Stephen McNally and Alexis Smith. Crispty-handled thriller about a gang of escaped convicts who hold a group of people hostage in a Nevada phost lown, unaware that it is the site of a nuclear experiment. Directed by Dick Powell (809925)

1.45 Heirs and Graces. Lady Victoria Leatham visits Longleat House. the home of Lord Bath (r) (474708) 2.15 Network East, Magazine senes on Asian interests (466789)

2.45 Mahabharat. In Hindi with English subtitles (2752944)
3.25 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore visits the world's most powerful telescope, the Ketch reflector, on Hawaii (r) (8782470)
3.45 Film: Annie's Coming Out (1984).

 CHOICE Desability well handled has been the basis for a string of memorable films and this story from Australia about a handicapped teenager can stand with the best of them. Like many pictures in the genre it is based on a real case, while in no sense being a slavish documentary. The tragedy of young Annie (Tina Arthonous) is that her physical abnormalities lead her to be wrongly classified as mentally retarded. She is condemmed to an institution, where her intelligence remains unrecognised. It takes the arrival of a new teacher (Angela Punch McGregor) to rescue Annie and give her hope, Helped by strong central performances the director Gil Brealey draws the full emotional impact from the otten volatile relationship between Annie and her teacher and their efforts to persuade society to rethink its attitude. (Ceefax)

5.15 Cricket: First Test Highlights of the first day's play between New Zealand and England at Christchurch (334741) 5.45 Crufts 92. A look back at this year's show (s) (946789)

5.45 Crufts 92. A look pack at trils year's snow (s) (940769)
6.30 Late Music 1991. A compilation of musical contributions to The Late Show during 1991 (s) (228215)
7.15 News with Chris Lowe. Sport and weather (275296)
7.30 Torteller Masterclass. The celebrated French cellist guides Lesley Shrigley-Jones and Sumsko Kurata through Rachmaninov's Sonata in G minor (r) (702857) 8.15 The Washington Version.

 CHOICE: A lascinating inside view of the Gulf conflict as seen from the Bush administration concludes by looking at the war itself. and the peace. Thanks to extensive media coverage at the time, the broadlines of the story are already known. The programme confirms and embellishes them, rather than offering any dramatic new revelations. All the same it is valuable to have the first hand accounts of so many leading players, to get it straight from the mouths of James Baker or General Powell or Norman Schwarzkopf. It emerges that the main, embarrassment for the Americans was a last minute attempt by President Gorbachev to postpone the ground war. President Mitterrand was also on the phone to the White House, urging delay. There is detailed justification of the decision to call off the war rather than go on and take Baghdad and finish Saddam Hussein for good (112470) 9.05 Moving Pictures. Alex Cox reports from Dallas on the controvers

surrounding Oliver Stone's new film JFK. There is also a profile of producer Arnon Milchan and an item from Moscow on the Soviet cinema of the 1960s (726418)



Taking flight: Jonathan Pryce in winged armour (9.55pm)

9.55 Film: Brazil (1985) starring Jonathan Pryce and Robert De Niro. Lumbering satincal comedy, set in 1984-ish future when everything is pre-planned — until a gremfin gets in the works and turns the life of Sam Lowry, a worker at the ministry of information,

into turnoil Directed by Terry Gilliam (84604944)

12.10am Film: Beginning of an Unitonown Era (1967, b/w). Two graduation films by the Soviet directors Larissa Shepitko — The Homeland of Electricity — about a young man who brings electricity to a backward village, and Andrei Smirnov — Angel — the story of a true commended of security to a backward village, and Andrei Smirnov — Angel the story of a train commandeered by revolutionaries. Both in Russian with English subtitles (9052180). Ends at 1.30

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Vis the Astra and Marcopolo satellizes. 6.30em Aerobics (73234) 7.00 Motor World (98873) 7.30 Sky Socoer Weetend (5334) 8.30 Australian Open Tennis (3710585) 12.30pm Supercross (88780) 2.30 World of Absorbing (95677) 3.30 Ford Ski Record

Adventure (8543) 3.30 Fed Sai neput (87079) 4.30 The America's Cup (14963) 5.30 World Sport Special (6296) 6.00 Gymnestics World Champtorshops 1991 (63296) 8.00 Rock Sport (8963) 8.30 WWF-Primetime Wrestling (36550) 10.00 FA Cup Classic (61050) 11.30-3.30em Austrelan Open Tennis (2247321)

6.00 TV-am (6503234) Motormouth presented by Neil Buchenen, Andy Grant, Steve Johnson and Gaby Roslin. Young people's entertainment. Among the guests are Denny Newmen, the teenage star of Robin Hood: 9.25 Motor Prince of Thieves, and the wildlife photographer Tony Shepherd

11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage Victor slot features the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl with "Fairytale of New York" (65708) 12.30 The Muraters Today. Unsuccessful remake of the classic American comedy series about a ghoulish ternity (66321)

1.00 News with Fione Armstrong. Weather (39786050) 1.05 LWT News and weather (39785321)

1.10 Saint & Greavale. Ian and Jimmy pass comment on yesterday draw for the European football championship and look forward to the weekend's football programme (1167418) 1.55 The Day

2.00 Ski Tips. includes a report from Norway where the skiing began and a look at the skills of Gien Plake (6321)

2.30 Cobblestones, Cottages and Castlee. David Young and his dog Oliver continue their exploration of England's south-west

countryside (470) 3.00 Film: Along Came a Spider (1969) starring Suzanne Pleshette and Ed Nelson. Routine thriller about a dead scientist's wite who believes her husband's demise was not accidental as was ruled.

She conceals her identity and goes in search of the killer. Made for television and directed by Lee H. Katzin (86139654) 45 Results Service presented by Elton We'sby (4903944) 5.00 News with Fions Armstrong, Weather (7-23296) 5.05 LWT News

and weather (1681505)
5.15 10 Sharpi presented by Pat Sharp. Among the guests is Nakad Gun and Airplane star Lestie Nielsen (16877 a)

5.25 Baywatch. Banal adventures of bronzed s Angeles lifeguards.

Starring David Hasselhoff. (Oracle) (7298: 1)
6.15 Blind Date. Cilla Black plays cupid to anot: collection of lovelon hopefuls. Plus a look back at how a couple from a previous show enjoyed - or otherwise - their we and together. (Oracle) (129031)

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7.15 Barrymore. Michael Barrymore meets members of the public (s) (942418)
8.00 Inspector Morse: Who Killed Harry Fr: The erudite inspector examines the murder of an artist who, lik. ://orse, enjoyed his drink and cracked jokes in Latin. But digging desper into the life of Harry Field, Morse discovers a side to him the was most unlovable. Sterring John Thaw, Kevin Whately and Geraldine James (r). (Oracle) (5789).
10.00 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather (804963) 10.15 LWT Weather (795878)



Larkin' about: budding actress Catherine Zeta Jones (10.20pm)

10.20 Aspet & Company. In the first of a new series of his superior char show Michael Aspel welcomes The Darling Buds of May star Catherine Zeta Jones, Jimmy Nail from Spender and American

rock singer Alice Cooper (344499)

Championship Boxing introduced by Jim Rosenthal. The Commonwealth featherweight title bout between Britain's Colin McMillan and Oblitey Commey of Ghana. The commentators at the Albert Hatl are Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt (19892)

11.50 Tour of Duty. American drama series about a group of raw recruits during the Vietnam war (560895)
 12.55 WCW Pro Wrestling. More grunt, grapple and groan from the

United States (9801513)

1.50 New Music. Interviews and performances introduced by Denise

Donlar and Jana Lynne White (6179635)

2.55 Bhangra Beet. A look at the Asian music scene (4888890)

3.20 American College Football. Florida v I.SU (5271432)

2.35 Strangta Best: A look at the Assan music scene (4000090)
3.20 American College Football. Florida v LSU (5231432)
4.20 The Hit Man and Her. Disco sounds and fashion presented by Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan (3724838)
5.30 ITN Morning News (84180). Ends at 6.00

Tropez homosextells. One of them tries to make the other jesious and they both get involved with gangaters, spies and the police. Directed by Edouard Molinaro (374068) 2.15 The Word (r) (7943646). Ends at 3.10

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#### befrends a fun-loving monster (31234) 2.00pm The Detective Kid (1989): A News on the nour. 8,00am Surinse (4497256) 9.30 Nightline (34073) 10.00 Dayline (24944) 10.30 Our World (76234) 11.00 Dayline (53160) 11.30 teenager helps to rescue his mother from eviction (38586) 4.00 The Witches (1989): Adaptation of

and emeralds.

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8.00 Secret of the Ios Cave (1999): A hov

searches for hidden treasure (15383) 10.00 Flash Gordon (1960). Sem Jones

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plagued by a supermatural curse (22/1906)
2.55 Sins of the Mother (1991): An outwardly normal man hidde a potential to commit rape (1645277)
4.25 Deed Calm (1999): A couple is menseed by a psychotic idder on board their 19275971), Ends at 5.55 THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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8.00am International Motorsport (89321)
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 15am Deva's Hill: Rural drama set in resource rows resty; (4.30) European Speedsketing; (5.00) Steling World Cup Highlights 6.30 Motorsport (55296) 7.30 Rugby; Pive Nations Cup (66654) 9.00 Live Bosong from Celas (51963) 10.30 World Cup Sking Highlights (35876) Taumania (887963) 8.15 The Enchanted Journey: Cartoon 13.15 The Return of the Sty Million Dollar and the Bionic Woman

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4.00pm The Lucy Hour (87302) 5.00 The Love Boat (2296) 6.00 Car 54, Where Are You? (4895) 6.30 The Monkess (5147) 7.00 Abbott and Costello (4925) 7.30 Mareac Manson (4031) 8.00 Film: The Gods Must Be Crazy (1980) (33079) 10.00 Come: Stop Live (12586)

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WORLD SERVICE

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aged intelligence man (John Stride) and the young

daughter of a lamished RAF hero (Paula Wilcox), the

labymetine plot mydives some missing treasure from classical Troy which, we are led to believe, is what the currying Russians are eager to bet

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## 6.35-6.55am Open University (FM

only) 6.55 Weather: News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Vaughan Williams (Serenade to Music orchestral version); Arnold (Oboe Quartet, Op 61): Delius (Air and Dance for strings)

7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Lalo (Scherzo in D minor); J.M. Weber (Septet, From My Life); Strauss (Till Eulenspiegel)

8.30 News
8.35 Alfredo Peri: The pienist plays
Liszt (Bellade No 2 in B minor);
Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op
101); Bartók (Suite, Out of 9.36

107); Bartók (Suite, Out of Doors) (r)
5 Saturday Review, with Anthony Burton. Record Review — Building a Mozart Library. The past year's releases. 10.40 Record Release: Dittersdorf (Symphony, The Four Ages, after Ovid's Metamorphoses: Prague CO under Bohumil Gregor); Malipiero (Quartet No 6, Nosh's Ark: Orpheus String Quartet); Cherubini (Capriccio ou Etude: Pietro Spata, piano); Benedict Mason (The Lighthouses of England and Lighthouses of England and Wales: BBC SO under Lother Zagrosek); Gazzaniga (Don Giovanni – extracts: Soloists; Stuttcart Chamber Choir: Talemusik Baroque Orchestra under Bruno Weil)

12.55pm Words: Maunce Keens-Soper with the first of three reflections 1.00 News
1.05 Raphael Ensemble performs
Strauss (Sextet, Capriccio):
Brahms (Sextet No 1 in 8 flat,

Op 18) (r) Refael Kubelik: Recordings 2.10 Ref made by the Czech conductor with the Philharmonia from October 1948 to September 1952 Mozert (Overture, Dor Giovanni); Beethoven (Pieno Concerto No 1 in C: Welter Night's Dream); Martin( (Double Concerto): Dw (Symphony No 7 in D minor)
4.10 Debussy Preludes: Roy Howat

Introduces and plays the complete Debussy Prek. 5.00 Jazz Record Requests 5.45 Third Opinion, with Christopher Cook
6.30 Purcell Quartet performs
Purcell (Sonatas in C for two violins and continuo. No 7, Z

violins, bass viol and organ No 5 in D minor); Locke (Suite in G. Triple concordia); Blow (Sonata for two violins, bass viol and continuo in G); Purcell (Sonata for two violins and continuo No 1 in B minor, Z and pages for three process.) 802: Pavan for the instruments in A, Z 748; Sonata for two violins and continuo No 9 in F, Z 810,

Golden) (r) 7.45 An Affeir with Numbers (FM only from 9.25)

CHOICE: The howls of displeasure that greeted the first performance in 1912 of Berg's Attenberg Lieder—things got so bad that the concert was abandoned—arunikely to be repeated torigh at London's Berbican Half, if was haven't got the berbical we haven't got the hang of Berg by now, we probably never will. Tonight's all-Berg concert by the BBC SO under Andrew Davis also includes his violin concerto (soloist Ulf Hoelscher), the Wazzeck Fragments, and the Three

subject of Anthony Pople's interval talk at 8.37
9.25-5.00sm Test Match Special (MW only): New Zeeland v England. Commentary on the second day, first Test 9.35 The Double Standard (FM

soprano is Yvonne Kenny.

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5 The Double Standard (FM only): George Steiner discusses the background to the novel Les Deux Etendards by Lucion Rebatet (r) 5 Andreas Schmidt (FM only): The baritone, and planiet Geoffrey Parsons, perform Schubert (Der Wanderer, D 453: Morrenliert D 695. 493; Morganiled, D 695; Wandrers Nachtiled, D 224; Auf der Donau, D 553; Der Schiffer, D 536; Wie Utfn fischt, D 525; Der Swerg, D 771; Wehmut, D 776; Der Erisame, D 800; Wolf (Three Songs of the Harper; Erischaffen und Beleben; Der Sänger: Der Rattentänger; Prometheus; Grenzen der

Venschheit, Goethe Lieder 11.25 Mazart through the Locking
Glass (Filt only): In the last of
three programmes, John and
Kathryn Lenehan, planos, play
Busoni (Duetrino Concertante
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5.05 Brodside (1720/37) 6.30 Fres for All (321) 7.00 Newyddion Nos Sadwrn (188855) 7.25 Bechingslw (785514) 7.55 Dr Ben (272296) 8.35m Desmonds (573760) 9.25 Cuizbowl (312012) 9.55 Tocyn Tymor (711012) 10.35 Femilion Back in Anger (9108234) 12.25 La Cage Aux Folias (374069) 2.15 The Word (7943846) 3.10 Diwedd

(a) Stereo on FM.
5.55am, Shaping Forecast 6.00
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7.30, 6.00, 8.30 News 7.25,
8.25 Sport 7.55 Weether 8.58
Weather 4.00 The Art of Travel: The third of sb. travellers, Elia Mailtart. recalls the journey she made in 1936 with Peter Flemling, brother of writer James, when brother of writer James, when they followed in the footsleps of Marco Polo from Peking to

Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4

9.30 Breaksway, Live from the
Bristol holiday and travel show

10.00 News, Loose Ends:
Conversation with Ned Shezrin
and guests (s)

11,00 News, The Week in
Westurfinster, with Reden 4.30 Science Now: Are there genuine alternatives to using animals for scientific research?

5.00 What If ? Enoch Powell considers what might have happened if he had taken his e in a Conservative 11,00 News, The Week in Westranster, with Robin Cakley, political editor of *The Times* 

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government (r) 5.25 Family Fortunes: Phil Smith examples working class familifie in the north across three generations (3 of 6) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent 12.00 Money Box, with Louise

6.00 News; Sports Round-Up 6.25 Week Ending (s) (r) 6.50 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson 6avesdrops on conversations around the country
7.20 Kaleidoscope: Going to the Market: Jorathan Cross, a

12.25pm Just a Mirutel Microbas
Parsone tosts the fast-laking
panel show (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Nick Clarke is
joined in Grays, Essex, by
Cory Bern, MP, Lynda.
1.10 Elsey, MP, overseas
development minister;
historian Professor Norman
Storie and Dena Warwick. lecturer in performance arts at Walsall College of Art, visits the Market Theatre of Johannesburg (s)
7.50 Classic Serial: The Betrothed Third of a four-part dramatisation of Alessandro Manzoni's novel, set in 17th-

6.50 Only Connect. Jahnder Verma 13 of 5) (s) (r) 9.20 Music in Mind (s) your views on the issues mised in Any Guestions?
2.30 Saturday Playhouss. The Labyhinth Makers

O CHOICE. It takes all adapter Nick MicCarly's skills to stop is from constantly telling.

9.50 Ten to Ten (s) 9.69 Weather 10.08 News. 10.15 Northern Lights: Boom and Bust on the Last Frontier Daniel Snowman explores the impact of the oil industry on the Arctic antisonment (s) 10.45 For He is an Englishman.

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the third of six
autobiographical talks
11.09 Richard Baker Compares
Notes with conductor Yan
Pascal Torteller and orchest Pascar (oneser and undersome administrator Richard Lloyd about the work of the Ulster Orchestra in Bettast (s) (r) 11.30 The End of the Road Show:

The last in the comedy sensor comes from Oxford (s) 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.20 Wester 12.33 Shepping Forecast 12.43 World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053id-tz/295m: 1069id-tz/275m:FM-97.6-95.8. Radio 2: FM-89-90.2. Radio 3: 1215id-tz/ 247m; FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 198id-tz/1515m:FM-92.4-94.8. Radio 5: 693id-tz/438m; 909id-tz/330m. LBC 1152id-tz/251m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548id-tz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 2-1458id-tz/206m; FM-94.9; World Service: MW 948id-tz/463m.

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7.15 Film: Texas Lady (1955) staming Claudette Colbert. Benign family. 7.15 Film: Texas Lady (1955) staming Claudette Colbert. Benign family western about a crusading newspaper owner and her battles with two cattle berons holding a town to ransom. With Barry Sullivan and Greg Walcott. Directed by Tim Whelan (5806987) 8.40 The Four Great-Sessons. In the third of his four-part series David Bellamy examines the effects of man and the elements on the dales of northern England (f) (6005838) 9.10 News and weather (4537797) 9.15 Getting Through. A portrait of Denise Smith who, although numb from the neck down, was named The Sunday Times sportswoman of the year in 1990 (7039703) 7.25 But First This on 2. Children's programmes beginning with Hallo

(7039703)
9.30 This is the Day. Prayer and reflection from the home of Amnesty International supporter, Liz Healing. (63906) 10.00 See Heard Magazine series for the hearing impaired (93277) Wales: Into Print 10.30 Deutsch Direkti German for beginners series (r) (1103838) Wales: Skillshop 10.55 Advice Shop Extrai The first of a new series of consumer advice, introduced by Helen Madden (7737635)
11.00 The Training Hour beginning with Into Print. Design tips for desktop publishers (r) (8093) Wales: (to 12.30) See You Sunday 11.30 Skillshop. Advice on jobs and training (9722)
12.00 Bazzar. A healthy diet edition from the Geordie village of Fatfield (r) (6255529) 12.25 Experimenti A series of scientific demonstrations begins with how to print on a T-shirt (5583093) 12.30 Country File. Rural issues considered by John Craven (6530155) 12.55 Weather (72706335) Wales: Parming in Wales
1.00 News (39682426) followed by On the Record. Jonathan Dimbleby talks to environment secretary Michael Heseltine about the recession and the housing market (2368616)
2.00 EastEnglers. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s) (94906)
3.00 Films The Moving Target (1965) starring Paul Newman, Lauren Bacall and Julie Harris. Down-al-neel gumshoe Law Harper is hired to investigate the missing husband of a wealthy cripple. Conventional private eye thriller from the novel by Ross MacDonald, kifted by smart performances. Directed by Jack Smight (29536451) 4.55 Cartoon. Boyhood Daze (3620762)
5.05 The Clothes Show. Includes an item on tashion shoes for women with big feet (7739819)

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with big feet (7739819) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. Hugh Scully and the team of experts visit Famham in Surrey, where among the interesting piaces is a 19th century cabinet rescued from a sunken barge. (Ceefax) (946635).
 6.15 Play It Sate! Advice on preventing scalding to children. (Ceefax) (778242).

(783242)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather (982906)
6.40 Songs of Praise from the Church of St Bavo, Haarlem, The

Netherlands, (Ceefax) (s) (140819)
7.15 'Allo 'Allo! More unsubtle fun from the French Resistance. Herr Flick, in his search for the missing portrait of the Fallen Madonna, injects Helga with a truth drug extracted from the self-inflating Penvian marsh frog. (Ceefax) (s) (876529) 7.45 Lovejoy. Ian McShane as the shady antiques dealer, so blinded by

love for an old school friend of Lady Jane's that he mistakes fake watercolours for the real thing. With Joanna Lumley and Phylis Logan and a script by the reliable Roger Marshall (Ceefax) (s) (910890)

8.40 As Time Goes By. Likeable, underranding comedy written by Bob Larbey and starring Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer as a liftysomething couple who meet again after being lovers 38 years before. (Ceetax) (s) (279118)



Destructive affair: Dervia Kirwan and Ronald Pickup (9.10pm)

9.10 A Time to Dance. Episode two of Melivin Bragg's frank adaptation of his novel about the destructive affair between a middle-aged bank manager and a teamage girt in the Lake District. Ronald Pickup and a promising Irish actress, Dervia Kirwan; play the lovers, with Rosemary McHale as Pickup's invalid wife. (Ceetax) (s) (267567)

10.05 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceelax) Weather (338722): 10.20 Everyment: Here's Looking At York How far should people go to protect the health of unborn children? Jenni Murray reports from Charleston, South Carolina (r). (Ceefax) (955529)

RADIO 3

11.00 The Nobel Century. The Ifard of a four-part series on the 90-year old story of the Nobel Prize (531258).

11.55 Mahabharat (r) (784088) 12.35 Weather (6504862)

Spencer (r) (9226797) 7.45 Playdays (r) (8501426) 8.05 Two by Two (r) (1383703) 8.20 Babar (9486390) 8.45 Telling Teles. Ancient stories with a modern message (7364451) 9.00 The Legend of Prince Veliant (6340987) 9.25 Blue Peter Omiribus (4576068) 10.15 Defenders of the Earth (r). (Ceefax) (3349277) 10.40 Strangers. Mystery serial (r). (Ceefax) (1180987) 11.10 Boxpops. Exploring work (8599155) 11.50 The O-Zone (9793722) nster Programmes (45513), Northern Ireland: Greenfingers

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12.30 Cricket: First Test. Highlights of the second day's play in the march at Christchurch between New Zealand and England (60364)

1.00 Film: Lassie's Great Adventure (1963) starring June Lockhart and Hugh Reilly. Lassie and little Timmy are accidentally taken by hot-air balloon to Canada, where they are befriended by a mute indian. Directed by William Beaudine (77890)

2.30 Crufts 92. Highlights of the action events (s) (154)

3.00 Opera Season: A Village Romeo and Juliet. A film of Frederick Delius's fourth opera, a modern version of Shakespeare's tragic love story, made on location in rural Czechoslovakia. Arthur Davies

love story, made on location in rural Czechoslovakia. Arthur Dav and Helen Field sing the title roles with the ORF Symphony Orchestra and the Amold Schoenberg Choir conducted by Sir

Charles Mackernas (s) (48708)

5.00 Rugby Special. Highlights of yesterday's opening matches in the five nations championship (4203)

6.00 Ski Sunday. The men's downhill from Kitzbuhel (737109) 6.35 The Money Programme (865616) 7.15 Prisoners of the Sun.

Prisoners of the Sun.

CHOICE: Here is a new natural history series with much splendid tootage and a complicated argument, it goes something like this. All the on earth is utilimately controlled by the sun, Humans as well as animals are the sun's prisoners. The key to this assertion is fuel, the subject of tonight's film. The challenge is to catch the sunshine and hold it. Plants are better at doing this than man. The him asserts that plants are the most effective solar power stations on earth, but even so, they need water and raw materials to function properly. The theme is developed in trips to the redwood forests of California and the plains of east Africa. There is a thrilling sequence of a lion in pursuit of zebra and wildebeeste. If the story is involved, the images are superb. At times you could almost shut off the sound and be carried along on the pictures. (Ceefax)

8.05 Signs of the Times. Eight mothers and daughters speak frankly about each others' living rooms (578884)

8.55 Trying Times: Drive She Said. A tale of Angst in modern America. After George leaves her for a glamorous actress, Robin decides to take driving lessons (574780)

9.25 Did You See . . ? presented by Jeremy Paxman, Lord Deedes, Jill Gascoine and Angus Deayton review Churchill, Goodbye Cruer World and Barrymore (410722)



Winning the battle against alcoholism: Mark Rylance (10.05pm)

10.05 Screen Two: The Grass Arena. CHOICE: A fall-and-rise story that would hardly be credible as fiction but happens to be true is brought sensitively but unsentimentally to the screen by writer Frank Deasy and director Giffies MacKinnon. John Healy (Mark Rylance) grows up unhappily in north London, beaten by his trish father and bullied by his schoolmates. For a time boxing provides a way out but drink takes over and Healy becomes an inhabitant of the "grass arena" of vagrant alcoholics. His unlikely selvation comes through provess at the game of chess, a new battleground on which for once he can be a winner. The crama is built on the accumulation of small incidents, perfectly observed. The merit of MacKinnon's direction is that it stays simple and does not sensationalise. It offers an apt framework for a tremendous performance by Rylance that never plays for pity and always has the smack of truth. (Ceefax)

11.25 Film: The Dresser (1983). Adaptation by Ronald Harwood of his stage hit shout an overbearing actor manager (Albert Finney) and his efferminate dresser (Tom Courtenay) on tour in England during the second world war. Unfortunately the performances belong more to the theatre than the screen. Directed by Peter Yales (54411797) 1.30am Rapido (r) (8985049). Ends at 2.05 6.00 TV-am (6570906)

9.25 Disney Club. The guests include one-man band Pete Moser, who attempts to play 139 instruments at once, and pop group Voice of the Beehive (6124180)

10.45 Link. When he lost his sight 11 years ago, Professor John Hull thought if would be the end of his career, but, he tells Peter White, it heralded the most creative period of his life (2361884) 11.06 Morning Worship from St Mark's Church, Newnham, Cambridge

12.00 Encounter: Nothing is What it Seems, Professor Russell Stannard explains how belief in God helps make sense of modern physics (45567) 12.30 LWT News Weekend (6621451) 12.55 LWT Weather (72791703)

1.00 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather (61378635)
1.10 1991 Canon World Triethlon Championships from Surlers Paredise, on the Gold Coast of Australia (8871722)
2.10 Sharp's Funday beginning with Batman (b/w). A double bill starring Adam West (97485616). Followed at 2.40 by Wrestling

action from the United States (4463451)
2.50 Dinosaurs. Cartoon adventures of a family of domesticated

2.50 Dinosaurs. Cartoon adventures of a family of domesticated prehistoric monsters (s) (6410703)
3.20 The Match. Live coverage of the game at Goodison Park between Everton and Nortingham Forest, introduced by Elton Welsby. The commentator is Alan Parry (s) (21063426)
5.30 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge quiz game (s) (616)
6.00 Animal Country. Desmond Morris and Sarah Kannedy visit Peterborough Dog Show (s) (529)
6.30 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather (282703) 6.35 LWT News and weather (281074) and weather (281074)
6.40 Appeal by Richard Whitmore on behalf of St Elizabeth's, a national

cantre for epilepsy sufferers, based in Much Hadham, Hertfordshire (475971)

6.45 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits the Isle of Wight. (Oracle) (791884) 7.15 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle with another selection of

 7.15 You've diseases (798797)
 7.45 Agatha Christle's Poirot: One, Two, Buckle My Shoe. The last of three stylish feature-length mysteries featuring David Suchet as the infallible Belgian detective. Poirot steels himself for a visit to the dentist to peruse an appointment book which may hold the key to a series of deaths. With Philip Jackson as the plodding Japp (Oracle) (789190)

9.45 httl Se Airight Late at Niight. Denis Norden presents some "adult" out-takes (r) (909180) 10.30 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather (861703) 10.45 LWT Weather (487600)



Man with the golden trumpet: Hakan Hardenberger (10.50pm)

10.50 The South Bank Show: Hakan Hardenberger CHOICE: When someone knows at the age of eight exactly what he wants to do with his life, and has the talent and opportunity to fulfil his ambition, there is not much for a television documentary to do except sit back and admire. Hardenberger's career might be more interesting if there had been a few setbacks along the way. But from the time his father gave him a secondhand trumpet as a Christmas present, progress has been uninterrupted. Hardenberger's only difficulty as a solo trumpeter has been a lack of repertoire. Even that has now been put right with modern composers such as Birtwister and Henze writing trumpet pieces for him title of maintain trumpet has become a for him. Like all musical virtuosi, Hardenberger has become a globe-trotter. Ken Howard's film catches up with him in his native Sweden, in a church in Denmark, at a festival in Italy and playing with the Grimethorpe Colliery band in Yorkshire. (s) (951838)

11.50 Film: Spectre (1977) starring Robert Culp and John Hurt. Tongue in-cheek horror story about an American criminologist in England trying to solve a supernatural mystery. Directed by Clive Donner

1.35 Cue the Music. Billy Ocean in concert at London's Hammersmith Odeon (s) (2116074) 2.45 The ITV Chart Show (r) (s) (9925001) 3.40 Pick of the Week. The best from the regions (22881399) 4.05 Night Heat. Police drama series (1328407)

5.00 Soap. Another comic chapter from the chaotic lives of the Tate and Campbell families (r) (55914) 5.30 ITN Morning News (26339). Ends at 6.00

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 8.00 Trans World Sport (r) (63109) 7.00 Eureeka's Castle. For the under-fives (16616) 7.30 Star Street (7160722) 7.55 The Wild Bunch (7072513) 8.25 Ramona (r) (7913451) 8.55 Little Rosey! A new animated series (s) (6087432) 9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan. Indian period drama serial. English subtitles (9173161)

10.00 Dispatches. A report on how artificially created animals and plants are becoming the property of the companies that develop them (r) (3185616)

10.50 Dennis. Adventures of a mischievous boy and his friends (8221161) 11.10 Round the Bend. Puppets and carloons (r) (s) 4029093) 11.30 Dramarama: Look at Me. The story of the relationship between

11.30 Dramarama: Look at Me. The story of the relationship between two boys, one of whom is deaf (r) (Teletext) (2432)
12.00 Little House on the Prairie. Extracts from the lives of a Kansas plains family during the 1880s (r) (74567) 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Classic underwater adventure series (50987)
2.00 Film: Appointment In London (1953, b/w). A tribute to the second world war Bomber Command, with Dirk Bogarde as a wing commander showing the strain of almost 90 bombing raids. Routine British war film, directed by Philip Leacock (124513)
3.45 Paradise Lost? A Survival documentary examining the effect of tourism on the wildlife of the Hawaiian islands (r) (990548)
4.15 A Unicorn in the Garden. Animated version of the James Thurber story (1716093)

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4.25 Valued Opinion. In the second of his series on antique

Robertson deals with porcelain and how to spot fakes (4732432)
4.55 News and weather (6642364)
5.00 Scottish Eye: Plegue of the Glen. A report on the growing discate between conservationists and landowners over the future

of ingriands red deer (8646) 5.30 Dig. Gardening programme presented by Carolyn Marshall (r)

(Teletext) (258) 6.00 Teenage Health Freak. Adrian Mole-type comedy tracing the adolescent anguish of schoolboy Peter Payne. Starring Alex. Langdon (r). (Teletext) (971)

The Wonder Years. American version of the previous programme, but set in the late 1960s. Starring Fred Savage (s) 6.30 The Wor

7.00 Detenders of the Wild. The second of three programmes celebrating the achievements of people who have dedicated their lives to protecting the endangered wilderness. Today's subject is 25-year-old Anna Giordano, whose special interest is Italy's threatened honey buzzards. (Teletext) (5258)



Olympic winner: sporting a gold medal for sculpture (8.00pm)

 CHOICE: An ambitious feature-length documentary takes as its theme the links between sport and art. The scope is wide, covering more or less the whole of human history. Probably the earliest example of sporting art is in cave drawings made 10,000 years ago. More recently, Homer can claim to be the first great sportswriter. The firm is often more about sport and society and the way art has reflected this than about art as such. There is much emphasis on the Olympic movement, both ancient and modern. Here there is direct connection between sport and art. Between 1912 and 1948 arts competitions were held alongside the sporting contests. Medats were awarded for painting, sculpture, architecture, music and literature. Elsewhere the film strains to justify its remit, pulling in Toulouse-Lautrec and Picesso on the strength of their undeniable but hardly central interest in cycling.

9.30 The Thing Is... Money. Paul Morley explores aspects of the world of money with Dennis Taylor, Viscount Weymouth and Tony Lamrianou, a former associate of the Kray twins (r) (79068)

10.00 Film: Accident (1967) starring Dirk Bogarde, Stanley Baker and Vivien Merchant. Four years after The Servant, screenwriter Harold Pinter and director Joseph Losey collaborate again in this unsettling, sharply observed drama about a marned Oxford don who suffers emotional turmoil when he falls in love with a prefity undergraduate (2819)

12.00 Film: Yellow Earth (1984). An award-winning examination of life and political attitudes in a remote Chinese village during the Sino-Japanese war in 1939. Directed by Chen Kaige. (177469). Ends at

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Organ Concerto in D minor. Op 26 No 2) 7.30 News

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Beethoven (Quartet in F. Op.
135); Bertisk (Quartet No. 1)
10.15 Music Weekly, with Peter Paul

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11.00 From the Proms 1991: RLPO under Loor Pesek performs Elgar (Celle Concerto in Eminor: Ratiph Kirshbaum); Suk (Asrael Symphony), incl 11.30 Interval Reading (r)
12.40pm Signposts: Mistral. Third of six memoirs by Gerald Long 1.00 Nose.

1.00 News
1.05 Your Concert Choice: Strauss
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idem Ulster Orchestra under Handley, with Margaret Fingerhut, piano), Remann (Shine and Oafk, Dietrich Fischer Dieskau, barrione, the

composer, piano); Bach, am

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2.30 Benedetto Marcello:

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3.40 Poet of the Month: Chanes

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performs the Lyric Suite with vocal finale Musikalisches Abendgebet: A service drawn from the Lytheren tradition for

Lutheran tradition for Epiphany and the feast of the Purification (f)
7.30 An Affair with Numbers (FM orly from 9.25); Live from London's Barbican Hall, the test concert in the series of music by Alben Berg, BBC SO under Andrew Davis performs Der Wein; Chamber Concerto. 8.25 A discussion onBerg's storificance to today's

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Symphony 9.25 5.00am Test Match Special Selection New Zealand v

(MW only): New Zealand v England. Third day, first Test 9.55 Sunday Play: Successful Strategies (FM only) ◆ CHOICE: There is an

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8.00 The Advantures of Sherlock Holmas's Smarter Brother (1975) Spool starning Gene Wilder (25890)
10.00 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989): Two teenegers travel back through time to gather information for a history exam (17942).

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10.00 Raw Deal (1986) Former FBI agent Amold Schwarzenegger takes on the Maria (483971)

11.45 The Kindred (1987). Students discover a genetic mutant in their house (550426)

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 6.15am The Birda and the Bees (1956)-Romance on the ocean wave (26420513)
 8.00 Babar: The Movie (1989) (2401635) 9.25 Cyrano: Cartoon (4006990) 10.20 Deadline: Madnd (1998): A reporter

10.20 Deadlins: Madrid (1988): A reporter and a photographer investigate the murder of a colleague (60261513)
12.15pm Vice Verna (1988): Father and aon swap bodies (770451)
2.15 Cur Sons (1991): The gay sons of Ann-Margnel and Julie Andrews are lowers (767987)
4.15 Honey, I Strunk the Kids (1989): Comedy starming Rick Morans as a suburban inventor (653481)
6.15 B.L. Stryker — High Rise (1990): Burt Reynolds is taken hostage (673109)
8.15 Back to the Future, Part III (1990)
Michael J. Fox travels back to the Old West in rescue the Doc (Christopher Lioyd) (335451)

(935451) 10.15 Fire and Rain (1989): True drama about the 1985 Delia Airlines crash in Dalas (725838) 11.50 Triumph of the Spirit (1989). Drama. based on the true story of an Auschwitz prisoner (Widem Datoe) (61844600) 1.55am The Missionary (1983). Clergyman Michael Palin sets up a mission for fall women in London's East End (8244372) 3.25 Murder by Night (1989) Robert Unch begins to suspect that he may be a murderer (160846). Ends at 5.00

THE COMEDY CHANNEL Wis the Astra satellite.

4.00pm Fifth Dr Goldfool and the Garl Bombs (8997) 15:30 Mr Ed (3635) 6.00 Car 54, Where Are You? (9708) 6.30 The Monkaes (1600) 7.00 in Lwing Color (5277) 7.30 The Goodles (7884) 8.00 The Comedy Company (11074) 9.00 The Sunday Cornecs (31838) 10.00 Moonlighting (38797)

SKY SPORTS Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.80am Aerobics (73451) 7.00 World Sport Special (64780) 7.30 The America's Cup (31513) 8.30 Australian Open Tennis (3787258) 12.30pm WWF Primetime Wresting (30248) 2.00 Motor World (2600) 2.30

PADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Neale James (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Bruno and Lz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis.

12.30pm Pick of the Pops. Top 20 charts of 1970, 1988 and 1990 2.30 Shomo Mayo 4.30 The Complete LK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons (FM only)

PADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Barbara Sturgeon The Sunday Show 7.00 Don Medican says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 John Sacris Much Morre Australia 12.00-7.00pm The Vintage Years. Desmond Carmigton — Radio 2 Al-Time Greats. 2.00 Benny Green, 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy, 4.00 Palm Court Time, 4.30 Sing Something Sample, 5.00 Chartie Chester Sunday Sospicor 7.00 Richard Baker with Melodies for You 9.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Kenth with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme Broadway Malady 12.05am Gyles Brandreth (r) 1.00 Colin Berry with Night Rode 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

PADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 2.00pm. 6.00am World Service Newsdesk, 6.30 Mendan Reports, 7.30 Sunday Edition 9.00 Johnnie Welker with The AM Attensive 10.30 Education Matters (r) 11.00 Topolsid's Travets (r) 11.30 A Century Remembered (r) 12.05pm Ring a Winner 0345 909693 1.40 Open University Open Forum 2.00 Chain Reaction John Cleese meets screenwriter Welkam Goldman (r) 2.30 Football Extra: Barckys League — Eventon v Notis Forest 5.10 Bob Hetton Rattle The Men in Black. Ring 0345 909693 to discuss footballing officialdom 6.05 Masson Investigates (r) 6.30 Swellows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome (4 of 8) 7.00 Sports Bulletin 7.15 Euromax (r) 8.00 Paso Dobler Improve your Spansh 8.30 France Extral Improve your French 9.00 Dautsch Direkt German conversation 9.30 Dragnet 10.00 News, Sport 10.10 Agrees the Line, and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, Sport drei Improve your French 9.00 Deutsch Direkt' German conversation 9.30 Dra lws, Sport 10.10 Across the Line, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, Spor

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Sandering performs Brahms (Symphony No 1) 4.45 An Affair with Numbers Music Josquin (Nymphes des bois); Gombert (Musae Jovas: Agnus Dei, Misas Tempore Paschali) by Afnan Berg, fave imm London's Barbican Half Lindsay String Chartet, with 12.00 News 12.05em Close

apprehensive and conspiratoral urgency about the opening and closing credits of this Marivaux comedy which will add to the considerable enjoyment you will derive from a play that puts you in the position of a leged eavesdropper on meone elsa's romantic manoeuvres. The translation has been done - and joyously done - by Timberlaka Wertenbaker, and director

Hitary Norrish's cast, headed by Penetope Wilton as the matalising countess and Philip Franks as her tantalised suitor, (2 of 4) (r) 4.47 The Great Bug Hunt, Martin take their cue from Wertenbaker's labour of love 18.55 Read Gainstord (FM only): The pierest playe Scriabin (Sonata No 5 in F sharp minor, Two reo o m r snarp minor, Two-pieces for the left hand, Op 9); Belskirav (slamev) (r) 11.25 BBC Singers (FM only) under Bo Hotten sing Ockephem (internerate Dai Mater); Joszuin (Number dan hand)

Warrwright joins entomologists for the last time on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi (r) 5.00 News Down Your Way (new senes): John Cole, BBC Robert Burns spent his time!

(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Presude (s) 6.30 5.40 Personal Obsessions: Martin News; Morning Has Broken, incl Betts on Sunday (8) 6.55 Weather
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7.15 On Your Farm: Robert
Forster breakfasts with Davi
Street in the Cumbrian hills

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9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers 9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)

9.30 Morning Service from
Sherborne Abbey. Dorset (s)

10.15 The Archers. Ownibus edition

11.15 News Stand (a)

11.30 Pick of the Week, with Chris

Serie (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's castaway is David Jenkins, Bishop of Durham (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55

Shipping Forecast
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life brought happiness to all except himself (s) (r) 3.45 The Beaten Track: Inside the Goldfish Bowl. The first of four talks in which travel historien lan Ousby argues that the English tourist industry is not a modem creation 4.00 The Power and the Glory?
America's Crisis of Leadership

political editor, visits Dumfries, where the Scottish poet

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Nigel Rees asks whether the British are too poste for their own good (s) (r) 7.00 The Desert War. The Storm Gathers. Mark Laity, BBC

8.00 Concerto: June Knox-Mawer talks to the Russian violenst Viktoria Mullova, who introduces her recording of Mendelssohn's Violin Concert in D minor

9.30 Special Assignment (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 News 10.15 Northern Lights Festival:

Malcolm Billings's documentary to say much more about Frobisher's

ke gold (s) (r) 11.00 in Committee (new senes) 11.30 Seeds of Faith Liberating
God. On the eve of his return to South Ainca after eight years in exile in Britain, Cedric Mason examines the experience of Christians who challenge both church and

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community of Sentley in Hampshire (r) Best Behaviour Concluding his series on modern manne

defence correspondent, reviews the development and result of the Gulf war (2 of 6)

9.00 The Natural History Programme (r)

Normern Lights Festival:
Fool's Gold
CHOICE: Any good
reference book will tell you
whether Sir Martin Frobisher,
the Elizabethan sea-dog, had
better luck finding gold in
what is now the Canadian Arctic than his expedition in 1575 when it set off in search of the Northwest Passage, Nevertheless, it would spoil your enjoyment of

success then this there is a asling memorial to his exploits in a 12th high stone wall that flanks a busy road in the centre of Dartford, Kent When the sun shines, it glints

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12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.20
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## Labour launches benefit challenge

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By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR last night launched a counter-attack against Conservative criticism of its taxation plans by challenging the government to say whether it supports the increases in pensions and child benefit

that they would finance. As the government suffered a setback in its light against inflation, with a rise to 4.5 per cent, all parties prepared for another week's relentless campaigning, with the Conservatives planning to focus on a detailed costing of Labour's spending programme and the Liberal Democrats complaining that they are being unfairly squeezed out of the limelight as the unofficial election campaign intensifies.

The Budget date, expected

for a hospital operation is to

be cut from two years to as

little as 18 months under

manifesto proposals being

health secretary, and John

Major are understood to have

provisionally agreed the tar-

get at last week's Downing Street summit on the Tory

programme for a fourth term.

The move is intended to build

on what ministers regard as

the success of their health

The new target emerged as Mr Major held a meeting at

Downing Street with 12 cabi-

net members to discuss both

progress on the citizen's char-

ter and new ideas, many of

which are expected to be in-

On the strength of the meeting the prime minister

has decided to relaunch the

charter in a speech on Janu-

ary 27th. He will outline a

series of new charters to be

cluded in the manifesto.

William Waldegrave, the

drawn up by the Tories.

Tories plan further

cut in surgery delays

By NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN

THE maximum waiting time months, and pledge legisla-

to be disclosed next week, is awaited as a pointer to the general election timing. If the government chooses March 3 for the Budget, it will been as leaving open the door to an April 9 election.

After a week in which the Conservatives appeared to have taken the initiative on taxation, Roy Hattersley. Labour's deputy leader, hit back by stressing that 10 million pensioners and seven million families would be better off under Labour's plans. while 90 per cent of the population would be unaffected by the proposed tax and national insurance changes.

Far more families would gain from Labour's plans than would contribute to the

tion concerning existing

charters in the first session of

a new parliament. He is also

expected to announce some of

the new ideas drawn up at

the next few weeks include

charters for benefit claimants

and rail passengers. A ten-

ant's charter and a justice

charter setting out "a better

deal for jurors and witnesses"

will also be announced before

The two-year limit on all

patients waiting for opera-

tions was set in the patient's

charter, unveiled in Septem-

ber. According to to the latest

figures, by November, eight months after the introduction

of the health service reforms.

the number waiting more

than two years has fallen by

more than 18,000 (35 per

cent) to 32,810. The target

set out in the charter becomes

operative in April and it is far

The charters expected over

yesterday's meeting.

the election.

cost. Mr Hattersley said. He said that these were facts that the prime minister wished to, suppress, and challenged him to say whether he supported Labour's proposals for better pensions and child benefit. "John Major and the news-

papers which have been so vociferous in their comments on Labour's tax and national insurance proposals have a duty to make clear where they stand on the improvements which those proposals will finance," he said.

Mr Hattersley's intervention reflects a decision by the Labour leadership to move on to the offensive over tax. There is frustration in the shadow cabinet that this week's developments, in which the leadership appeared to be at odds over whether the national insurance changes should be phased, have taken attention away from the benefits that the tax plans would bring. Labour spokesmen intend

next week to hammer home the point in Commons debates on the economy and poverty. Mr Hattersley said: "Does the prime minister propose an increase in child benefit of the sort that Labour intends? If he does not, how does he justify more and more families falling below the poverty line? If he does, how does he propose to finance it?"

As ministers launched fresh attacks on Labour's plans, Michael Portillo, the local government minister, said that Britain was aiming for an "ultra-low tax economy" under the Conservatives.

Mr Major and Michael

Heseltine, the environment secretary, are to give television interviews on Sunday that are bound to sustain the electioneering atmosphere.

• The Scottish Conservative party conference, scheduled for May 13 to May 15, was postponed yesterday. The decision, was made because of the need to prepare for the general election.

> Labour's taxes, page 2 Diary page 10



In touch with science: Lauren Muswell, aged seven, of Cubitt Town School, east London, inspects a sculpture from the San Francisco Exploratorium science museum. The hydraulically nowered skeleton, part of a display at Canary Wharf, east London, squats and stands on its globe-shaped base

Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England will be

cloudy, but some brightness is likely in sheltered eastern areas.

# galactic 'gossip'

Continued from page 1 October 12. Columbus day. 500th anniversary of the discovery of the New World.

. The search will be automated by using signal pro-cessors able to search for patterns that are not thought to be produced by any natural source of radio waves. Computers will search across a range of wavelengths and pick variations that may represent an attempt by other civilisations to get in touch.

The confidence of the searchers is based on the fantaschers is based on the landa-tic numbers of stars. There are perhaps 40 billion stars roughly similar to the sun in our galaxy. That means that if life has evolved around only one star in every 100,000, there would be 400,000 civilizations in our own galaxy alone. Since most scientists believe that life evolved without divine intervention, it seems unimagin-able that it did so in only one

Many, if not most, of these other civilisations would be older than ours, and there-fore might have been transmitting radio signals for thousands of years. But even if Nasa detects one from a nearby star, two-way commu-nication would be extremely slow. Signals from such a star would have taken a century to reach us.

The SEIT programme will not he sending out signals, just listening for them. Man-kind has already sent out its calling card, a three-minute message broadcast from Are-cibo in 1974 which conand chemical formulae, including that for DNA. That signal was designed to penetrate for 200 light years, close to 20,000 billion miles. But even if there is somebody listening, it will be decades or centuries before the signal reaches them.

Graham Sharpe, of the bookmakers William Hill, was last night offering odds of 500 to one against intelligent life being found elsewhere in the universe during

## service will be able to meet it. announced in the next two THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,818

27 Arranged in pairs, shoot right **ACROSS** 

1 Poet lying in the sun? (8). 6 Full significance of odd man out

9 Run second impression (6).

10 Cunning needed to prune tall cacti

11 Jumbo perhaps has a black face

12 Hot wind, low mistral initially, is backing (b).

13 Imperial poet with a grasp of Eng-

14 Mordent an unusual decoration?

17 What's-his-name is slight and

19 State Shelley's Paradise of exiles

22 For dementia, girl is given injection of sodium (6).

23 "The Knoll", address suitable for a cardinal? (8).

24 Is this noise reduced greatly in a

mini? (4-4). 25 Temporary theatre (6).

26 Fancy the public transport from Tennessee? (6).

Solution to Pazzle No 18.812

THRILL HOUSEMAN

2 Well-stocked salesman allowed to

3 He helps the master at assembly (7-

5 Last in the ring, we hear (15).

7 Open a French cul-de-sac (7).

8 Recording radio readings? (9).

Home at ten, dishevelled and de-

Task on the house not subject to tax

20 Forward, against the head, stops

21 Girl's array to win people over? (6).

Concise Crossword, page 13

Solution to Puzzle No 18.817

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another on the bolt (4-3).

13 Not sustained, naturally? (6-3).

daily (2-4).

6 Bloodstock? (8)

crepit (4-5).

18 Fiery sort of rock (7).

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A daily safari through the

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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 Director of Evacuation Forces
 Excellent, great, cool ASSYTHMENT b. Assessment for taxation
 c. Indemnification for death GADROON

a. A small pinn b. A silver coin 200200

a. The wood pigeon b. A Zukı war drum c. A vivarium kept by ants

Answers on page 13

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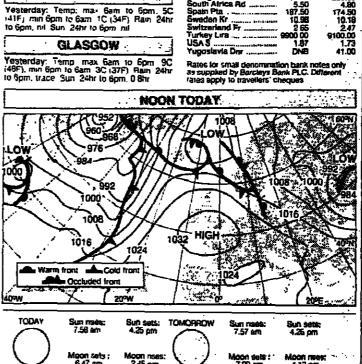
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The winners of last Saturday's competition are: G E Fallows. Middle Park Avenue, Eltham. London: R M Farrer. Chatsworth Drive, Cheltenham, P. Mavilis, Duck Street, Mousehole. Cornwall: MLiley. Murray Crescent. Lamiash. Isle of Arran: B Lawless. England should be a little brighter than the north, but still cloudy. Any fog will linger. Frost will make freezing fog likely. Outlook: cloudy and mostly dry, but with light rain likely in the east. TANK TEACHER AND ASSESSED. AROUND BRITAIN Sun Rain hrs. in 25 0.01 1.3 bright bright sunry cloud bright dull 0.01 surny claudy claudy bright bright claudy dull surny claudy claudy claudy surny surny claudy surny claudy surny claudy surny claudy 45 cloudy 45 burght 45 cloudy 45 cloudy 46 cloudy 43 dull 43 doudy 45 cloudy 46 dull 46 dull 46 surny 46 surny 46 surny 48 stoke Geneva Gibraitar Heisanki Hong K Inmsbrok Istanbul Jo'burg' Karach L Palmas Le Touet Lisbon Locarno Locarno L Angels' Luxembo Sing por Stikholm 0.05 TOURIST HATES 2.25 19.80 52.65 19.84 7.69 2.79 326.00 13.05 2105.00 244.00 4.80 174.50 174.50 HIGHEST & LOWEST Thursday: Highest day temp. Tiree and Machinanish. Stratholyde. Saunton Sands and Chriveror. Devon. 90 (48F), lowest day max. Lowestoft and Walthsham, Suffolk 5C (41F), highest rain Lerwick, Shetland and watersmain, or rain Lerwick, sunshine Sca MANCHESTER Yesterday: Temp: ma- 6am to 6pm. 5C 141F; min 6pm to 6am 1C (34F) Rain 24hr to 6pm, nil Sun 24hr to 6pm nil GLASGOW



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## THE BUSINESS

SATURDAY JANUARY 18 1992

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



#### **Profile**

Ernest Saunders came out of Ford Open Prison six months ago after serving nine months for his part in the Guinness affair. He appears to be neither bitter nor a quivering wreck but the experience has left him determined to be a part proprietor, rather than an employee making money for other people Page 19



#### Quiet weddings

Mortgage lenders are foot-ing tax bills for couples who do not tell the tax man when they marry and who continue to receive mortgage interest tax relief they are not entitled to......Page 25

#### Evasive action

Employees with company cars are making sure they clock up enough mileage to avoid extra tax. Those with less than 2,501 business miles could face a bill of



#### Friendly warning

Rosalind Gilmore, the chief registrar of friendly societies, gave warning this week that credit unions set up by neighbours, trade unions, colleagues or organisations were often formed without enough planning. Enthu-siasm at the launch is not enough, as this can diminish in time, she said. Unions need committed management and a reserve of trained individuals able to step in if necessary, otherwise investments could be put in



#### Long wait

The Bank of Credit and Commerce International is to be wound up, but investigations are expected to go on into the next century. Investors question the liquidators' slowness ...... Page 23

#### Pep temptation

Single company Peps have been well received but investors should not get carried away and take out more than one in a single tax year. They should check their



#### Pension plans

Working people could face a 50 per cent rise in national insurance contributions by 2010 if the government bows to pressure to reduce the pension age to 60 for men and women .... Page 21

#### RPI at 4.5% has second monthly gain

## Government borrowing rises sharply

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

cember showed inflation rose for the second month running and give signs of a disturbing deterioration in government finances that could limit the Chancellor's scope for tax cuts. January, before falling again in the Budget.

(RPI) rose 0.1 per cent to 135.7 in December, which took the annual increase to annual 4.1 per cent in. 4.5 per cent from 4.3 per cent - December, but is likely to in November. Last January, it stood at 9 per cent. The acceleration in the annual rate last flation fears are likely to keep. month was slightly greater Bundesbank policy right well than the City expected, but into this year, making it al-

THE American trade deficit:

narrowed sharply in Novem-1

ber to its smallest for nearly

nine years, as stuggish do-

mestic demand curbed im-

ports and exports climbed to

a record level, the latest gov-

News of the improvement,

THE HOUSE.

ernment figures show.

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US trade deficit

at nine-year low

prices and mortgage rates in 1990 dropping out of the year-on-year comparison.

Price changes in the pipeline, including post-Christmas sales, point to annual in-flation holding steady in n the Budget.

in February and March,
The retail prices index when it is likely to undercut the German rate. Western German inflation rose to an dimb near to 5 per cent in this first quarter. German in-

which took Wall Street econo-

mists by surprise, points to the deficit for all of 1991

falling below \$100 billion for

the first time since 1983; it

came only a week after Presi-

dent Bush's return from To-

kyp with a controversial

agreement to cut the \$41

Commerce department fig-

ures showed the American

trade gap at \$3.57 billion in

November, a drop of 43.5 per-

cent from the revised deficit

for October. Helped by the

lower dollar, and aircraft

sales, exports rose 0.9 per

cent to \$37.5 billion, exceed-

ing the record set in October.

But the main swing was in imports, which fell 5.5 per

cent to \$41 billion, with car

imports from Japan and Can-

ada both lower. After the first

11 months of 1991, the trade

deficit was running at an an÷

nnal rate of under \$65 billion.

against the previous year's

total of just over \$100 billion.

The better trade figures

conveyed a mixed message on

the economy. Record exports

could prevent it from starting

to shrink again in the final

quarter, while the reining

back of imports points to the

domestic economy still strug-

gling to recover. But recovery

in America and slowdown in

en the trade gap again.

billion deficit with Ispan.

OFFICIAL figures for De-mainly reflected falls in petrol most impossible for Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to cut rates before the election.

Despite the weakness of economic activity, underlying inflation remains stubbornly high Excluding mortgage in-terest rates, the RPI showed an annual rise of 5.8 per cent in December after 5.7 per cent in November. If all housing costs are excluded, annual inflation rose to 7.5 per cent from 7.3 per cent.

Robin Marshall, chief economist at Chase Investment, said his measure of core inflation, excluding food and energy costs, has been at 6.4 per cent for the past three months. "Britain's core inflation remains substantially above core inflation rates in other countries. This indicates there is still substantial progress to be made in reduc-ing British inflation." On the same measure, western Germany has core inflation at 4

Simon Briscoe, economist at Midland Montagu, said the pick-up in inflation is the "blip in the dip", as all the evidence pointed to the RPI still being on a downtrend. But he described Treasury figures showing government borrowing of £1.2 billion in December as "bad in almost every respect", as they showed there was worsening on a broad front. City forecasters had expected the govern-ment, helped by £1.8 billion in proceeds from the disposal of BT shares, to make a modest debt repayment. But instead there was a public sector borrowing require-ment (PSBR), the first in De-

cember since 1987. After the first nine months of the fiscal year, the cumulative PSBR had reached £10.5 billion, the target Mr Lamont set for the full year. Although January is a month of corporate tax receipts, which produces a large surplus for the government, City economists fear the recession and the rescheduling of payment dates could reduce the repayment by up to £2 billion. Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, said the "wornsome" outlook for corporate tax receipts meant Mr Lamont was on course to overshoot his PSBR target by up

key export markets may wid-John Sheppard, senior Other American data coneconomist at Warburg Securities, said the gilt market came off sharply in reaction to the PSBR figures, reflectfirmed continued weakness. Industrial production fell 0.2 per cent in December, the third consecutive monthly ing fears of possible oversupfall, making 1.9 per cent for whole of 1991. This was the ply of government paper in 1992-3. Analysts attributed first annual fall since 1982. the rise in the PSBR figure to both a rise in government spending and a fall in revenues.

to £2 billion.

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In buoyant mood: Sir Alistair Frame of Wellcome expects significant growth

#### Thomas Robinson and BM halted

By Jonathan Prynn

Thomas Robinson Group, the engineers, were halted together yesterday pending announcements on Wednesday.

Neither company would comment on the suspensions but it is believed BM Group is poised to make an agreed takeover for the troubled Derbyshire company. Thomas Robinson shares were suspended at 12.5p, valuing the company at £18.75 million.

A takeover would mark the end of the road for another of the generation of mini-conglomerates of the mid-Eighties. Thomas Robinson was the vehicle for Graham Rudd. brother of Nigel Rudd, chairman of the more successful Williams Holdings.

After an initial period of rapid growth, its fortunes never recovered from a disastrous attempted takeover of

SHARES in BM Group and John Crowther, the textiles group, in 1988. A subsequent slump in performance resulted in the appointment of Roy Barber, the company doctor, as replacement for the ousted

Mr Rudd in July last year. In October, the company made first-half pre-tax losses of £22.3 million. A slimming operation has left the once sprawling company with interests in wood, process, and specialist engineering and industrial consumables.

Pre-tax profits at BM, a distribution equipment maker, rose almost 50 per cent to £34 million last year. It has been transformed by Roger Shute, chairman, who took over in 1984 when BM was worth E3 million. In September 1990 it bought Blackwood Hodge. the earthmoving plant maker for £58 million. BM was halted at 400p.

#### Wellcome turnover rises 20%

SIR Alistair Frame, the Wellcome chairman, presented an upbeat report on trading since the August year-end at the annual meeting yesterday, (Jonathan Prynn writes).

In the four months to end-December, group sales rose 20 per cent on the previous year, he said. Margins at the pre-tax level continued to improve, so Wellcome would achieve "a significant en-hancement of profits and earnings per share in 1992".

The board came under fire over the pricing of the group's Aids retarding drugs Rob The board came under fire Aids retarding drugs. Rob Archer, of the Wellcome independent shareholders association, urged the company to withdraw the proposed 54 per cent dividend rise, and to cut the Acyclovir price 10 per cent. Wellcome said the chief beneficiary of the payout rise was Wellcome Trust, a charitable group that does considerable Aids research.

## **IBM** suffers its worst year

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

IBM, the world's largest computer company and the bellwether of American industry, reported its first annual loss, and its first sales decline for 45 years. The results were slightly worse than had been

Despite severe job cuts and a fundamental shake-up that began in 1991, analysts doubt whether this year will see an improvement without a global economic upturn.

William Milton, computer analyst with Brown Brothers Harriman, a New York institutional stockbroker and investment bank, said: "This is a critical year for IBM and its fortune will depend on an economic upturn, irrespective of the measures it has already

Last year was one of the toughest experienced by the company since it was founded as a cash register concern in 1914. It lost \$2.8 billion, compared with a \$6 billion profit in 1990. Sales were 6 per cent lower at \$64.8 billion, the first drop since 1946. Costs and expenses rose 10 per cent to \$63.8

billion, leaving an operating profit before tax down 91.5 per cent to \$942 million.

In the final three months of the year, IBM lost \$1.38 posttax, after charging the \$3.4 billion cost of cutting 29,000 jobs. The bill is \$400 million higher than originally announced because the number of staff who took advantage of a voluntary redundancy plan was half as high again as IBM expected.

John Akers, chairman, said: "We are moving into 1992 a tougher, smarter and more competitive business."

A further 20,000 jobs are expected to be axed this year, cutting the payroll to 300,000, saving IBM \$1 billion this year. As part of its plan to meet competition from smaller rivals, IBM is to split itself into six autono-mous divisions and strike more deals with other companies, along the lines of its pact with Apple.
IBM shares, always consid-

ered a buy below \$100, have been down to \$83.50 in the past 12 months, but added \$1.25 yesterday to \$96.75.

#### **National Home Loans** axes six executives

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE problems at National Home Loans, the loss-making mortgage lender, have claimed the jobs of six senior executives only a week after John Darby, the chairman,

announced his resignation. The company said that Christopher Slav, an executive director in charge of leasing and consumer and business loans, has been made redundant, along with five other divisional chiefs,

with immediate effect. The redundancies will save the group an estimated £500,000 a year as the executives will be replaced internally. Since last summer, NHL has reduced its workforce by 150 to 750. and it does not rule out further cuts. The group is still seeking a replacement for Mr Darby and plans a refinancing and restructuring.

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## Saunders backs Maxwells' silence

BY CAROL LEONARD

Maxwell on their right to silence described by George Carman, QC, as a "constitutional right" — and their refusal to answer verbally the ques-tions of a House of Commons select committee, has won support from an

unexpected quarter. Ernest Saunders, a former chief executive of Guinness, whose right to silence was overruled by trade and industry department inspectors and the Serious Fraud Office, says: "They the Maxwells are obviously being well protected by their lawyers and

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THE insistence by Ian and Kevin left to ad-hoc pronouncements determined by the degree of publicity surrounding a particular case, or the availability of funds," he says. The claim to a right to silence forms, in part, the grounds for Mr Saunders' application to the European Court of Human Rights to have

do not blame them for doing it." Transcripts of Mr Saunders' con-

prejudiced his-case, making a fair trial impossible. "I was guity until proved innocent," he says.

Other contributory factors were, he claims, the manner in which Guinness sacked him from his £240,000 a year job and the huge level of publiciversations with the trade department ty surrounding the case. Mr and the fraud office were submitted Saunders has been in corres-

his conviction quashed. Mr Saun-

ders believes this was a factor that

pondence with the newly created as evidence against him. "The right to silence must be clarified and not Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, to discover if its remit encompasses white-collar crime.

Yesterday, Mr Saunders received a reply from Professor Michael Zander, a member of the justice commission, confirming it would examine white-collar crime and "urging" him to submit his views.

Mr Saunders, who is 56, wants the continuing debate on corporate gov-ernance to include not only the role of non-executive directors, but also the role, responsibilities and risks of executive directors. "This is an important subject, which ought to concern anybody who is an executive direc-

tor," he says.
"Today, anyone involved in corporate management faces increasing

personal responsibility for all sorts of activities, and that's fair enough, but they ought to make sure that their own rights are taken care of. There can be instances when a director finds himself estranged from the board, implicated perhaps in a regulatory enquiry, civil litigation or even a criminal trial.

They will need professional representation and they may find that no one is willing to indemnify them. They will then be personally liable and that is a very worrying situation. Taken to its extreme, who is going to want to be a director of a company? If I was a director, I certainly wouldn't take on the job without an insurance

#### Peel leaps sixfold to £1.6m

PROFITS at Peel Holdings, the property company run by John Whinaker, were £1.6m (£269,000), helped by a maiden contribution from

Manchester Ship Canal.

Peel acquired its 68 per cent MSC stake last May when it bid £80 million for Largs, a private company owned by Mr Whittaker. The dividend is maintained at ip.

#### Trust advances

Net asset value of St Andrew Trust, a smaller companies investment trust managed by Martin Currie, increased 10.7 per cent to 226.1p (204.2p) per share in 1991. Pre-tax revenue was £3.43 million (£3.53 million). Earnings per share were 7.12p (7.36p), and the final dividend is 4.85p (4.70p), making 7.55p (7.20p).

#### Aberforth up

Net asset value of Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust had advanced 30.5 per cent to 126.2p per share at the end of December. Pre-tax revenue was £1.06 million. Earnings per share are 5.27p. A final dividend of 2.5p is being recommended, giving 4.5p.

#### Vetting vetoed

THE Office of Water Services is to give up vetting individual property sales under £500,000 by water companies when they are made to independent third parties.

## Kunick cuts final dividend against its own forecast

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

KUNICK, the amusement machine and nursing homes group, has cut its final dividend by 57 per cent to 0.6p. Last May, when the company launched a £17.6 million rights issue, it said that, barring unforeseen circumstances, it expected a final

payout of 1.2p.

The shares fell 1p to 14p yesterday. 19p below the rights issue price. Kunick said that since the issue, its UK amusement machine business, in particular, had continued to suffer from the decline in consumer spending. There was no sign of recovery. The total dividend is

1.4p, down 30 per cent.
Pre-tax profits for the year to end-September fell from £17.5 million to £12.4 million, in line with a warning given by the company in Oct-ober. Turnover rose from £108 million to £116 million and operating profit fell from £19.3 million to £16.1 milpayable, from £1.82 million to £3.76 million, explains the lower pre-tax figure. Fully di-luted earnings per share fell from 4.93p to 3.1p. The care services division.

which includes Goldsborough nursing homes, increased profits by 86 per cent on turnover up 42 per cent.



It only hurts when we laugh: Russell Smith and Graham Smith, chief executive

The group says growth has been held back by the weak housing market, which has depressed sales of retirement

housing units. The leisure division saw sales grow by 3 per cent but profits declined by 28 per cent. The amusement machine division was severely affected by the slump in public house trade since Easter. The group says the division's costs have been reduced and the

number of non-public house customers is growing. The visitor attractions division. which includes the London Dungeon, was badly affected by the fall-off in tourism and the full launch of the Musée du Rock, in Paris, was post-poned until Christmas. Amiro, the French amuse ment machine distributor. had a difficult year. Kunick is reinforcing its position in the French market by increasing the number of distributors it

The gearing ratio has fallen from 73 per cent before the rights issue to 50 per cent. £6 million of the cash raised by the issue has been used for development opportunities, particularly in the care services division.

A number of care home

and hospital developments were started in the second half of the financial year. Most of these will be completed during the current year, but will not contribute to profits until next year.
Russell Smith, Kunick's

chairman, said: "During the first quarter, trading in the UK pub market has contin-ued to decline and there is no sign of recovery. We believe our business is performing well compared with our major competitors. The group's financial position is secure and we are well placed to take advantage of the recovery

when it comes." Christopher Burnett, for-merly chief executive of Silentnight Holdings, has been appointed a non-executive di-

## GrandMet sells **20% Rémy** Cointreau stake

BY OUR CITY STAFF

GRAND Metropolitan, the food and drinks group, is selling its 20 per cent stake in Remy Cointreau, the French drinks company, to Remy's controlling shareholders. The stake was bought two years

ago as a trading investment. GrandMet has not revealed the cost of the deal but analysts believe the group has broken even. GrandMet is believed to have paid about £100 million in staged pay-ments. The British company had an agreement with Rémy that if it exercised its option to sell at the end of two years it would receive its money back plus a small amount of

George Bull, chairman of International Distillers and Vintners, GrandMefs drinks division, said the stake was acquired as a trade invest-ment aimed at cementing commercial benefits for IDV and Remy Cointreau. But as both sought to control their own distribution networks. the stake no longer served a

useful purpose.

GrandMet recently decided to buy the remaining stake in Cinzano, the Italian drinks group. That deal helped to give IDV full management control of its distribution in Spain, Germany, France and

Remy et Associes, the parent company of Remy Coin-treau, said the sale had been agreed by both parties after talks about the worldwide distribution strategies of both. The deal will mean Remy Cointreau will hold 100 per-cent of Remy Martin and 100 per cent of Cointreau.

Remy Cointreau will fit the distribution of most of the Cointreau group brands into its European network from April, a move which would also allow IDV to expand its own sales network. Both Remy and GrandMet said they remained on good terms expected to give details soon of future trading ar-☐ GrandMet's report and accounts reveal that 28 per cent of the top executives remuneration is in the form of performance related bonuses. Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman, received a pay increase of it per cent to E713,391, in line with the rise in the dividend. The company's shares fell 1p to 928p.

#### Dutch aim to buy Ruddles

RUDDLES brewery, one of the best-known real ale brands in the country, may be changing hands after an offer from Groisch, the Dutch brewer, to Courage, its new owner. Courage acquired the business along with the rest of Grand Metropolitan's brew-ing interests last April.

Courage said an "interesting proposal" was put to it by Groisch and talks were continuing. But the company is keen to maintain some interest in the two brands. Ruddles Best and Ruddles County, and any deal could also involve the beer being distributed . - through Courage's network. --

Groisch has no British brewing interests and limited distribution ones. The brewery, at Langham, Leicestershire, employs 140 to 150 people, and produces 300,000 barrels a year.

No price is being disclosed on the deal. GrandMet paid £14.2 million for the business in 1986, but GrandMet and Courage have spent heavily on the brand and distribu-

Michael Reynolds. Courage's director of public affairs, said: "Grolsch have come forward with a proposal that we feel we have to take

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#### Micrelec receives takeover approach

MICRELEC Group, the cash-rich petrol station equipment company, delivered details of first-half losses along with the news that it has received a takeover approach. The company, which recently sold its Normand/CMS subsidiary for £7 million, said it has received an approach from third parties.

which may lead to an offer: David Willis, chief executive, said: "Although the company has a good future, the opportunities that exist in the market-place could be such that they would be more rapidly addressed as part of a larger group." Micrelec made a pre-tax loss of £442,000 in the six months to end-September (£1.11 million profit). The loss per share was 2.5p (5.51p earnings), but the interim dividend is held at 1.35p.

#### Berry closes factory

BERRY Magicoal, the electric heater manufacturer that is owned by Unidare, the Irish group; is closing its likeston factory in Derbyshire with the loss of 190 jobs. Unidare is switching production to Portadown, Northern Irelandwhere it makes a similar range of domestic electrical heating appliances, and blames difficult market conditions. David Rutledge. Unidare's chief executive, said the business had lost more than £1 million a year and the factory was no longer viable. The switch in production might result in more jobs being created at the Northern Ireland plant, but this would require evidence of an upturn in the market, he said.

#### **Eurocopy postpones**

EUROCOPY, the office equipment supplier under investiga tion by the Office of Fair Trading; has postponed its full-year figures for the second time. The company is waiting for the result of the enquiry into whether it should retain allimportant consumer credit licences. The company was due to report next Tuesday; analysts expect pre-tax profits of almost £7.5, million against £11.3 million last time. The figures were first due on December 17. Eurocopy believes a decision is imminent; it says the results will be announced within seven days of publication of the OFT's findings, to avoid further uncertainty for shareholders.

#### Freeman division sold

FREEMAN Group, the insulation materials company quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, has sold its loss making contracting division to a management team. In the six months to end-June, the division made a loss of £880,000, pushing the group as a whole into the red. The losses continued in the second half, the company said. The contracting division's net assets are estimated at £350,000. The four-man management buyout team will repay £2.9 million of debis owed by the contracting division to Freeman Group. There is an initial payment of £571,000 and the balance will be paid this year.

#### LPA earnings halved

PRE-TAX profits at LPA Industries, the USM-quoted industrial electrical accessories group, almost halved, from 1904,000 to £476,000, in the year to end-September, on the year to end-September, on turnover down 8.1 per cent at £6.49 million. The company blamed the downturn on the UK recession. Exports increased by 30 per cent to E801,000, boosted by a large order from the Far East. Earnings slid from 6.69p to 3.69p per share. The final dividend is maintained at 1.87p making an unchanged total of 3.52p for the year. LPA said a recovery was unlikely to be felt until 1993, even if a turn in the economy was imminent. The shares lost 4p to 51p.

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not something you expect to be doing when you are 50". One noticeable difference from either

boarding school or the army was the cheer that would go up among inmates when interest rates were increased. "They would gleefully

shout things like "That's another £600,000' ," Saunders says.

Carole, who lives in Switzerland,

suffered two breakdowns. She is

now much, but not fully, recov-

ered. She visited Saunders at Ford

and has been back to Britain

several times since June. He is

hopeful that if he can buy her a

home here they will be reconciled.

achieved, that I am now only too

willing to believe that I did not

spend enough time on the niceties

of life. I am the sort of person who

always thought that the results

should speak for themselves. It is

quite possible people found me tough or cold. I was a machine." Here Saunders has it. He was

neither a ladies' man nor a man's

man, he was the ultimate com-

pany man. Company men are not

popular. When it came down to

basic human relationships,

Saunders was dispensable. If his

theory that he was unfairly used as

a scapegoat is correct, this could

I try to warm to him but it is

difficult. If he has any overt

explain why.

aunders admits he made

some mistakes. "I was so

focused on the business,

the Herculean task to be

personal appeal it is akin to that of an awkward adolescent. In conversation, if there is a choice between a serious or a more humorous route, he will unfailingly opt for the former. He smiles readily but is not a man given to belly laughs. I begin to conclude that it is this unfortunate manner that may have led to so many fateful misunderstandings. Or have I been duped by the master manipulator? No, I believe I have not. He offers to answer any question I pose. As he takes centre stage, it becomes apparent that it is the absence of natural social grace that makes any attempt at persuasion seem like crass manipulation. A more naturally charming person would attain the same objective with ease. The marketing genius has one flaw. Saunders, when you accept him for what he is, is astonishingly open, surprisingly honest and. mental aberrations aside, is so

serious about every aspect of life

that it is difficult to imagine him

**BUSINESS PROFILE: Ernest Saunders** 

## Still sharp ... and staging a comeback

Carol Leonard considers whether the former Guinness chief is a master

manipulator or misunderstood genius

mest Saunders, aged 56. the former chief executive of Guinness, found guilty on 24 counts of theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act by a jury at Southwark Crown Court, and sentenced to five years' imprisonment - later reduced by the Court of Appeal to two and a half years is neither a quivering wreck, nor unduly bitter about his ordeal, and

his memory is probably better-than yours or mine. Saunders was released from Ford Open Prison in June last year, having served nine months. He has spent the past six months on what he refers to as a "sabbatical" and is now "feeling much better" and ready to complete his rehabilitation by finding a job.

However, Saunders, who saved Guinness from what is widely accepted to have been terminal decline, increasing its capitalisation from £90 million in 1981 to 64 billion in

January 1987, when he was unceremoniously sacked, says he will never again be an employee. "I want to be a part proprietor, not just a manager. I spent so many years making, quite frankly, a great deal of

don't know how it is going to be, I what you have to say." Anyone don't know what my old self is any more because I have been in this. phase for five years now." He received "a handful" of job offers within days of returning to his home in Putney, south-west London, from Ford, but says he was not then well enough to give them serious consideration.

Medical opinion, he says, is still divided on whether he has a degenerative brain condition the reason for his early release from Ford — or whether the neurological changes detected were brought about by the cocktail" of tranquillisers and sleeping tablets he had been prescribed for

withdrawn from the market. "There is no doubt that there were some side effects but I needed them to help me survive. I came off all pills in June and if you do come off suddenly like that, after that period of time, it can make you

quite nervy. That's why I needed a bit of a break," he says. While Saunders reviews his job offers and carries out "market research" for a number of other projects under consideration, his friends will readily tell him, even now, that he is definitely not his old self. The experiences of the past five years have changed him

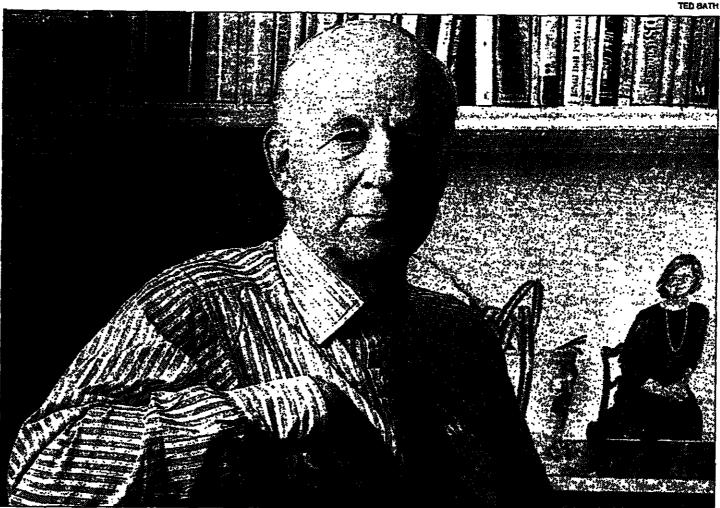
and, they say, for the better. Peter Phillips, a friend of 20 years, says: "He has always been razor sharp and he is still razor sharp. He is different in that he is poorer - he used to arrive for lunch with a chauffeur, now he comes by tube - and he is much humbler. There was a time when I had to make an appointment to see him and even

then he was 'I'm far more permanently preoccupied. If you went to a dinner sensitive than party at his house people think. you never knew if he was going to I get hurt join you, even if he was at home, easily but because he might be on the tele-I cover it up' phone or working on numbers.

Now, he is much

easier to talk to want to do it for myself this time. I and he is much more interested in who encountered Saunders in his heyday will use the same words to describe him. I tell him that people say he was difficult, arrogam and manipulative. He is obviously taken aback. That he was a workaholic, ambitious and a bit of a bore. "In business I have usually achieved my goals. I do think very deeply and often appear preoccupied, but I'm far more sensitive than people think. I get hurt easily but I cover it up. I'm very good at

the British stiff upper lip." Saunders prides himself on being supportive of anything Brit-ish. Like most immigrants — he arrived in British — he arrived in Britain in 1938, aged the previous five years. The sleep two and a half, a refugee from ing tablet he used has space been. Hitler's Vienna — he is more loyal two and a half, a refugee from



On the road to recovery: Ernest Saunders, at home in Putney, sees finding a job as the final step in his rehabilitation

than the natives. He constantly mentions public schools, both his own, St Paul's, and his children's. He talks about Cambridge tutorials. He watches Wimbledon and the test series on television. lectures at business schools, and is adamant that he is not Jewish. even though both his parents were of Jewish origin. "I'm a supporter of the Church of England," he says. He will move to the continent to seek work if he has to - he is fluent in French and German -

but he would prefer to remain in

"If there is has been anything positive from the past five years it is that the family has become extremely close. It is the desire to keep hold of that which has precluded me from getting on a plane to seek pastures new. The children have not only salvaged the family unity, but they have put down roots here." The Saunders

family was not always so close.

extremely well-dressed and prosperous looking individ-

ual shid into a vacant chair.

"If I might address the com-

mittee." be began oleagi-nously. "I act for Mr Birch and I must humbly warn the committee that it is pursuing

a sterile route. My client will respond in similar vein, no

matter how elegant your questions. If, however, you would like to address your

questions to me, I will do my

"There will be a brief re-

cess," announced the chair-man, summoning the com-mittee into an emergency

huddle. On the other side of

the desk, Mr Birch visibly

relaxed. A quiet chuckle was even allowed to emerge, as he filled the brief, idle moments by reading the latest results

from TSB Group. Noisier chuckles came

from his counsel, who shook his head in amazement as he

skimmed through David

Rowland's proposals to re-form the Lloyd's insurance market. "Splendid," he thought, "now the only real imlimited liability will be a client's legal fees," and made a mental note to double his underwriting canacity, once

underwriting capacity once he had been paid for that little bit of insolvency work.

members resumed their seats. "We have consid-

ered your argument, but find it has no merit. So we must

ask Mr Birch once again.

Your cut means mortgages

are now at their lowest since

1988, a period now widely regarded as the birthplace of our economic ills. Is it really wise to tread that path

again? In short, Mr Birch, your cut is simply a device to aid the Conservative chances

Mr Birch again looked un-

happy but remained silent. Not so his counsel, who fixed

the committee with his most condescending of courtroom

charts. "Chairman, commit-ter members. In my judg-ment I say only two things. One that a general election is

likely and two, that it is likely

in the general election?"

The huddle broke up

and the committee

best to answer them."

Phillips also comments on the loyalty of Saunders' three children, Jo, aged 26. Jamie, 25 and John, 19. Jamie wrote the book Nightmare: The Ernest Saunders Story, which helped eke out the family's finances for 18 months. "The kids have been unbelievable." Phillips says, "especially when you bear in mind that when all this happened they didn't really know him that well."

The money from the book has run out. Saunders has been signing on the dole once a fortnight but says that will now stop. Of the £700,000 raised from the sale of the family home in Penn. Buckinghamshire, in 1987, half went to Carole, his wife, from whom he is still legally separated. a quarter went to buy the terraced home in Putney for Jo and Jamie and the rest was spent on legal fees. "I have no money whatso-ever." Saunders says. His defence, which cost him £400,000, could have cost more than £3 million if he had used silks of a calibre to match the prosecution. He admits that the only time he does feel bitter is when he drives past the Guinness headquarters. "I've had hundreds of letters from Guinness shareholders thanking me for all that I did for the company, wishing me well and saying they assume that the Guinness family

has helped out. They have not." Poverty is always a relative term. The Putney house might be in the name of two of his children, but it was bought with his money and there is no mortgage. He carries a mobile telephone everywhere. He must be one of the few regulars at Putney DSS office with such a

In the light of the millions he made for the Guinness family the company is now capitalised at more than £10 billion - he does. however, have a point. Saunders' share options alone would now be cross between boarding school

worth £11 million. The shock of the trade and industry department enquiry at Guinness in December 1986 - Saunders calls this his darkest hour - was followed by a four year wait for the trial. The stress has taken its toli. He likens it to an avalanche "coming my way and then overwhelming me' He is uncertain about whether

he suffered a mental breakdown. "Let's just say I was severely mentally shocked." He can recall lying in bed at night shaking uncontrollably "because I was so scared". While staying with friends one weekend, he failed to appear for dinner and they found him semi-conscious in the bath. "I was completely exhausted and had gone to have a bath because I felt so cold. They found me lying there in some sort of trance, shivering. The water had gone cold. I suppose it was fear - fear and fatigue." He describes Ford as a

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## Are you now, or have you ever been ...?

WEEK ENDING | Matthew Bond

s the television cam-era closed in there was no mistaking the very real distress being experienced by the victim. The prospect of being grilled by a House of Commons select committee was clearly bad enough but the knowledge that the commen's more less. that the camera's zoom lens would mercilessly expose ev-ery bead of sweat and nervous tie to an audience of a million armchair judges, was almost too much to bear.

Inst as a rabbit sits en-tranced by the headlights that herald its own imminent demise, so the victim was unable to wrest his eyes away from the camera that he knew could result in the

same fate, albeit less messily.

Against the background babble that preceded the first question, the victim sat in silent thought, reflecting for the umpteenth time on the extraordinary circum-stances that had brought him here. The deliberate clearing of a throat joked him out of his introspection. "Please state your name and your position," beomed the committee's chairman,

the committee's chairman, an experienced backhencher relishing this unexpected elevation in his public profile. There was a long pause, as the victim's frightened gaze was torn away from the camera only to fix anew on his own hands, lying tightly grasped on the desk in front of him. The first attempt at a of him. The first attempt at a

response was muffled. "Speak up please," barked the chairman, before breaking into his best eve-of-polling day smile. "And relax sir. this is a parliamentary enqui ty into a matter of great public interest, not a criminal

trial. Now, your name and position please. With an anguished final giance to left and right, the victim summoned a hoge breath. "My name is Peter Birch and I am chief execu-tive of the Abbey National." An audible sign of release washed round the crowded

committee room. He'd got one right, at least. The chairman cleared his



am right in believing that it was your building society—I mean bank — that cut its mortgage rate by half a per-centage point this week? This cut came despite

there being no preceding cut in bank base rate and I believe came as a considerable surprise to City economists. Now we must put it to you that this totally unwar-ranted rate cut was in fact the most blatant electioneering on your part. What do you have to say to that?

Again, there was a long and agonising pause. At least they had not asked him about progress on the scheme to relieve the repos-sessions crisis, Mr Birch thought gratefully. Sensing the kill, an unseen director ordered the cameras in tight. Mr Birch spoke slowly but clearly. "I will answer only through my counsel."

The packed committee room gasped as one. Here was drama. The chairman smiled a rather different smile and pressed on "Mr Birch I must emphasise that this is a matter of the utmost importance to millions of home owners, who are very concerned that if mortgage rates can come down arbitrarily this side of an election, then equally they can go up arbitrarily on the other. Is that not so, Mr Birch?

"I will answer only through my counsel," intoned Mr throat. "Now, Sir Peter... I my counsel." intoned Mr beg your pardon Mr Birch. I Birch. At that moment an

#### Germany to tighten financial regulation

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

GERMANY'S attempts to improve its position as a leading financial centre have always created more interest abroad than at home. Such was the fate of the latest legislative proposal by Theo Waigel, the finance minister. Herr Waigel's proposals,

unveiled this week, are the latest of a number of moves to eradicate some of the idiosyncrasies of Germany's sometimes outdated financial system. The singularly most important aspect of the Waigel package is the envisaged creation of a powerful federal regulatory authority, on the lines of America's Securities and Exchange Commission.

Such an authority is long overdue. Until a year ago, German bankers and brokers derided the idea of statutory regulation, defending the self-regulatory system, under which insider dealing is discouraged but not illegal. But a series of embarrass-

ing insider dealing scandals last year severely dented the image of Germany's banks abroad, and persuaded even the die-hard self-regulators of the virtues of statutory control. The law will go to parlia-ment in the second half of the year, just in time for the single European market in 1993. Preservation of Germany's reputation aside, such a law would have been needed under European Community narmonisation.

Britain and America went

through the same processes several years ago, so Herr Waigel's initiative means no more than that Germany is catching up with the rest of the world. Investors will welcome the growing maturity of the German financial scene. but it must be doubtful whether Frankfurt will ever have a realistic chance of challenging London as Europe's main financial centre. The gap is far too big. The odd thing is that in London some fear it might happen. while in Frankfurt hardly anybody nurtures such hopes. even in their wildest dreams.

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## TEMPUS Scant polish on metals for investors

abandoned head shafts, do not have to be graveyards for investors. They need to be traded, however. because metals are sometimes in fashion, sometimes not. Respectable profits can be made on the price swings.

Year-on-year, 1991 was a lousy one for the gold price. The five shares Tempus picked as a 1991 mining portfolio ended the 12 months to January 2 show-ing an average 14.74 per cent fall. Cobalt came in as an outsider on political de-velopments in Zaire and al-most doubled. Rhodium fell 71 per cent, gold 10 per

capacity. compounded by weak demand, will inhibit most important base metals in 1992, and average price forecasts for this year are generally lower than actual



Sir Derek: efficient 1991 levels. Tin alone could

show some promise. The Soviet factor dogged

gold in 1991, and renewed waves of Middle East bullion-selling did not help. This year, Soviet sales can only be modest, and although gold might break through \$400. the best hopes for its price are no more than \$450. Our 1992 mining portfo-

RTZ: If there is even the whiff of a suggestion of a recovery in base metal nrices. KTZ will be back on

MINING shares, unlike buyers' lists. RTZ is the world's largest mining group. It is well run and efficient under the chairmanship of Sir Derek Birkin. It concentrates on low-cost operations in poworld. Net attributable profits for the year that ended in December will be well down on 1990's actual £507 million, but the 1991 dividend should be safe. Investors have braced themselves for a profits numbers

> Share price: 538p.
> Phelps Dodge: Shares are hardly cheap at £41.25, but they look undervalued relative to other mining stocks. The rating at 10 times' earnings, is hardly demanding for a politically sound group, and profit for-tunes will rebound on any

shock and are looking ahead to 1993 and beyond.

tick in the copper price. Sons of Gwalia: This Australian group has a 21 per cent stake in its parent, Gwalia Consolidated, which recently attracted Rockefeller and Co of New York and the family interests of Harry Oppenhei-mer, the South African mining magnate, to its share register. This week, Sons of Gwalia announced further old discoveries in Australia with reasonable grades. Group production costs remain well below the current

world gold price of \$357. Share price: 158p. Conroy Petroleum: The future of this Irish natural resources group will be de-termined on February 8 at the extraordinary meeting called by Outokumpu of national of Canada, which seek to dismiss the current board. Share price: 54p.

Burmin Exploration: An outside speculative situabase metal interests in Australia, and has just announced the prospect of a new base metal ore-field. Share price: 102p.

## Building society cuts give builders a welcome boost

INVESTORS, becoming in-creasingly optimistic about the economy, were again swit-ching from high-flyers to cyclical recovery shares. Dealers enjoyed one of the busiest days in many months, although most of the business appeared to have been done before lunch. A total of 684 million shares were traded, but the City's optimism failed to be reflected in the FT-SE 100 index, which closed 4.9 points lower at 2,536.7 after a hesitant start to trading on Wall Street. The index registered a gain of almost 20 points at one stage.

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Government securities continued to draw support from sterling's renewed strength, finishing with rises of almost £12 at the longer end.

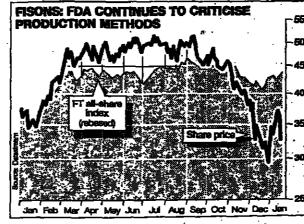
The building societies efforts to revive the depressed housing market continued to be reflected among the builders. There were gains for Barratt Developments, 2p to 49p. Henry Boot, 10p to 718p. Bryant, 6p to 86p. Crest Nicholson, 2p to 37p. Higgs and Hill, 6p to 101p. John Laing, 3p to 177p, Me-Carthy & Stone, 9p to 56p, John Mowlem, 2p to 141p, Persimmon, 9p to 254p. Westbury, 8p to 116p. Wilson (Connolly), 5p to 175p and George Wimpey, 3p to

Amec, the mechanical and civil engineering group, advanced 7p to 152p, offering one institutional investor the opportunity of disposing of its stake. Smith New Court, the broker, is believed to have arranged a bought deal, pay-

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ing 146p a share for 7 million shares (4.9 per cent) and selling them to various institutions at 147p. At the last count, BAT Industries, down 13p at 659p, held 7 million Amec shares.

Among the manufacturers of building products. Meyer International jumped 24p to 423p, Wickes 4p to 57p,

Alexon, the womenswear retailer, jumped 18p to 349p after a presentation for fund managers, arranged by BZW. The company was positive about trading in the run-up to Christmas. This was despite analysts recently downgrading profits for the year to March 31 to 511 million (£10 million lest time). Alexon seems bearer with forecasts of me to 515 last time). Alexon seems happy with forecasts of up to £15 million for 1993.

Wolseley 13p to 413p, Hep-worth 14p to 373p, RMC 23p to 579p, Redland 15p to 473p and Tarmac 8p to 123p. Hopes that lower mortgage rates will stimulate consumer confidence boosted the stores. Argos rose 7p to 294p. Laura Ashley 3p to 88p, Boots 6p to 443p, Dixons 4p to 233p, Kingfisher 9p to

Closing Prices..Page 29

3230 (+12p) 302p (+10p) 430p (+14p) 473p (+13p) 350p (+10p)

on the week. Arjo Wiggins fell 17p to 258p after failing to sell its 42.8 per cent stake in its Portuguese pulp and paper operations.

497p. Lloyds Chemists 12p

to 323p, Marks and Spencer

11p to 302p, and WH Smith

The shares in Amber Day.

the discount retailer, which was the subject of a bear raid

this week, made a half-heart-

ed attempt at a rally. The

Fisons suffered another setback, falling 26p to 335p, as the details of a report by the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) continued to emerge. However,

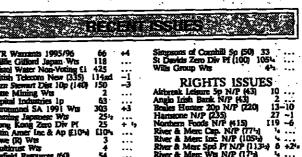
port - which criticised the production methods of Tilade, its anti-asthma drug-claiming that they breached FDA regulations — was out of date. Roy Thomas, Fisons' finance director, said: "The simation...stems from a May 1991 inspection of our plant." The FDA had inspected the plant again last November and confirmed that there were no outstanding issues. Nevertheless, analysis, who had been forecasting that Tilade would boost earn-

criticism will affect sales. Fisons was last year forced to withdraw two drugs -Imferon, a tonic, and Opticrom, an eye treatment, from America because of produc-tion problems. John Kerridge, the chairman and chief executive, resigned this week, giving ill health as the reason.
Wellcome ticome rose 7p to £10.29. price ended 3p dearer at 92 2p, but remains 15p down Sir Alistair Frame, the chairman, told the annual meeting that the group had made-an excellent start to the current year. Recent high-flyer Glaxo continued to lose ground, the price dropping 28p to 838p.

Medeva was another casualty of switching, losing 9p at 219p, along with SmithKine

Beecham A. down 34p at 889p. Food manufacturers also suffered with Booker down 3p at 439p, Cadbury Schweppes 3p at 446p, Hillsdown 3p at 161p, Northern Foods 7p at 534p, Unigate 3p at 264p, Unilever 6p at 904p and United Biscuits Ip

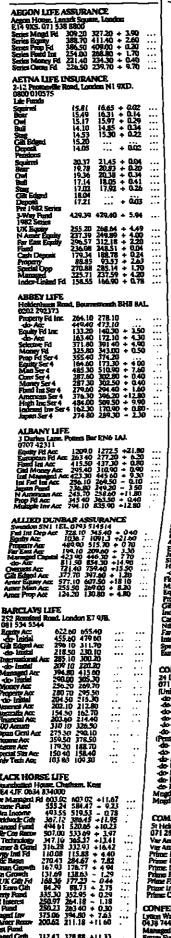
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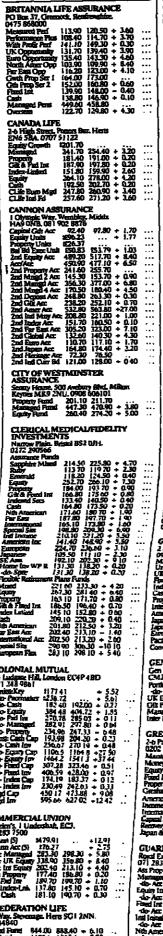


pulling the market in both New York — Blue chips fluctuated in morning trading. while, in the broader market,

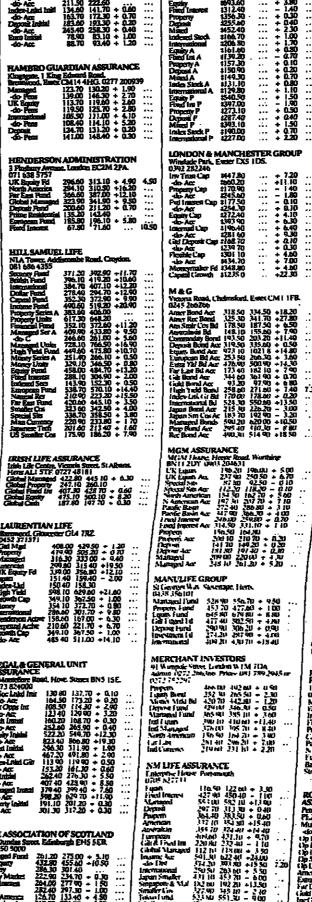
☐ Tokyo — Shares closed at their lowest since October declining issues took a slight 1990 after a see-saw day in lead over rising shares. The Dow Jones industrial which the Nikkei index briefly turned sharp losses into average rose 2.45 points to 3,252 after falling briefly. modest gains. The Nikkei in-dex fell 290.82 points, or Analysts said that a stream of 1.35 per cent, to 21,321.37. mixed economic and corpo-



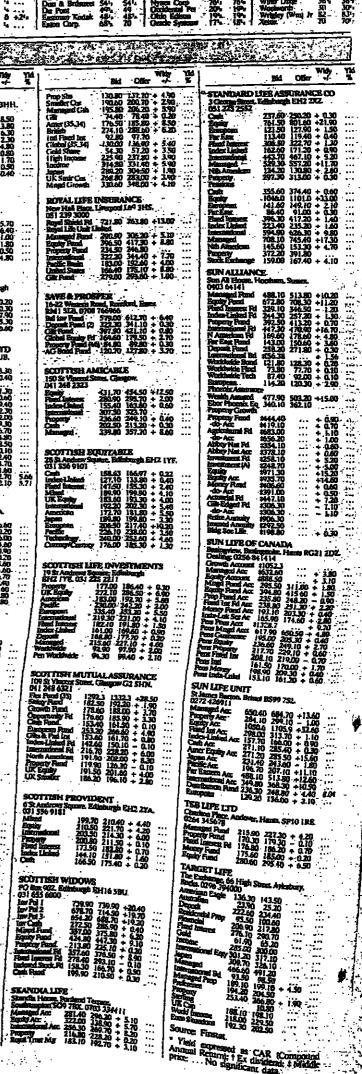












The half per cent cut in mortgage rates announced this week is good news. It is the seventh cut in 16 months, but the new base rate of just below 11 per cent still falls short of many of the fixed rate mortgages on offer.

the fixed-rate mortgages on offer.

Fixed-rate loans offering certainty over the next three, five or ten years must be considered by anyone thinking of buying a property. The Abbey National, which led the way down with its surprise cut in its base mortgage rate to 10.99 per cent has a fixed-rate mortgage available at 10.55 per cent until 1995.

Those expecting rates to keep

Those expecting rates to keep falling back to the levels of the summer of 1988 must also remember how most homebuyers only benefited from rates below 10 per cent for three months before

they began climbing again.

There are, of course, cheaper rates for larger loans and first-time buyers, which, when added to the current variable rates, take them below the fixed-rate offers. However, the majority of the Abbey's borrowers have loans

## Choosing the fixed-rate option

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below the £60,000 threshold for cheaper loans.

Even first-time buyers might weigh the advantage of a loan 1.5 per cent below the usual variable rate until January next year possibly only nine months of cheaper payments for someone who has just found a property he or she wants to buy — and the certainty that payments will not rise over the first few years of the loan.

For those who want it both ways, capped-rate mortgages are the answer. These are available as low as 9.95 per cent over one year. Longer-term certainty that the payments cannot rise above the capped level although they can fall below it is more expensive. This shows that the money markets do not expect low rates to last over the next few years.

The real winners in the property



#### COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK **WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR** 

fixed rate loans below 10 per cent over five years in 1987. They can now look at the fixed rates on offer, probably from the same lender, and take advantage of

There are penalties for early redemption but the last few years have shown that property owning is a long-term commitment and not a quick way of making tax-free

The real losers in the interest rates merry-go-round are savers. Once again, they face a cut in their rates and, because they know game were those who took out that building societies have few

people to lend to at the moment, they must fear these reductions may more than reflect the

mortgage rate cuts. The new savers' rates are not likely to be announced for a few weeks, but they could be implemented a few days earlier than the mortgage rate cut for existing borrowers on March 1. It would not be the first time that savers have paid for the largesse of

There are at least six savers for each borrower. Fixed rates, if they are available, are more of a gamble at the moment. Only National Savings' guaranteed returns seem attractive and that is largely because anyone putting £10,000 in the 36th issue pays no income tax on it.

#### Ill wind

otal financial disasters especially well publicised ones — provide wonderful sales aids for investment advisers. Barely had the pension trustees at Mirror Group Newspapers an-nounced that there was insufficient money in the fund to guarantee the pensions already being paid, let alone anything else, than pension salesmen started saying now was the time for those worned about their company pension scheme to save with them

pension scheme to save with them. They neglected to point out that the only part of the pension money to be totally safe over at Mirror

Group was the additional voluntary contributions paid by employees to boost their retirement income.

These can only be used for the individuals concerned and are in no danger of being used to pay the pensions of others.

Investment groups had thought that freestanding AVCs were next to impossible to sell until this gift was handed to them. The group AVC schemes offered by employers usually have much lower charges because the setting up charges because the setting up costs per contributor are much

Big companies can also negotiate on charges, whereas individuals have to accept any fee structure unless they are wealthy. While pensions law undoubted-

ly needs tightening up, scaring people out of company schemes into personal pensions is not doing anyone a service — apart from the insurance companies that are busy announcing increased pensions business in the middle of a recession. It's an ill

#### National insurance payments could double if the state chooses 60 for men and women

## Pension age poses dilemma

Sara McConnell focuses on the choices open to government

in the continuing debate over

equalising retirement ages

national insurance contributions by the year 2010 if the government decides to set the state retirement age at 60 and raise state pensions in line with earnings rather than prices. The rise would come

on top of income tax: Mercer Fraser, the actuary. which has calculated these figures, said that to avoid any rise in national insurance contributions, the retirementage for both men and women would have to be set at 67. At the moment, men qualify for a state pension at 65, while

women start collecting their pensions five years earlier. Doubts over the future of pensions for employees of the Mirror Group have dominated the news this week, overshadowing the debate about the future of state pension. provision. High on the agenda are options for equalising

state pension ages.
The government has said it is committed to some form of equalisation, but is faced with the prospect of growing numbers of pensioners making heavy demands on a national insurance fund fuelled by contributions from fewer workers in the first decades of the twenty-first century. Any reduction in the retirement age would mean higher national insurance contributions from the workforce:

Employees now pay 9 per cent of any income above ES2 a week, up to E390 a week, in national insurance contributions employers pay a further 10.4 per cent but if the retirement age were 60 for everyone, employers would have to pay 16 per cent and employees 14 per cent, Mercer Fraser said. The total national insurance contribution per worker for a lower retirement age and a better uprating would be 30 per cent of gross annual income.

Andrew Collins, research actuary at Mercer Fraser, said that about 18 per cent of national insurance contributions from employers and employees now go to fund flat-rate and earnings-related pensions. The social security department estimates the national insurance fund will spend £41.7 billion on benefits in the financial year 1992-3, of which £27 billion will fund state pensions. As soon as contributions are

paid into the national insurance fund, they go out again benefits. If men could call on the fund five years earlier for their pension, the remaining workforce would have to pay more to compensate. It would also cost the existing workforce more if pensions were increased in line with average earnings rather than

The option highlighted by Mercer Fraser would be the most expensive of several being examined by the gov-ernment. Others include raising the pension age to 65 for women, which would save the state £2.9 billion a year at 1991 prices, or setting it at 63, which would mean a saving of £0.5 billion. Also under consideration is a flexible decade, allowing people to retire at any time between 60 and 70. The government has been forced to consider the options available in the wake

of pay and and ceive equal benefits. Companies : are starting to equalise pension ages but many are hanging back to see which way the gov

moves on the Equality in State Pension Age", the government calculated that setting a retirement age of 60 for everyone would cost the state £3.4 billion a year at 1991 prices. All the government calculations assume a phasing-in period. starting in 2010. The report gave warning that a pension age of 60 would mean an increase of 2 per cent in combined employee-employ-

ernment

1.5 per cent more in 2035. Mercer Fraser pointed out in an update to its clients this week that these figures presupposed that pensions would be uprated in line with prices as they are now but that this could change. If

prices, as they are now.

of the Barber judgment in the European Court in May 1990, which ruled that occupational pensions were part

> 'I believe the scenario of pensions at 60 is improbable, despite support for the option'

In a report issued last "Options for

er contributions in 2025 and



Labour wins the election, it has pledged to raise pensions line with earnings or prices, whichever is higher. Uprating in line with earnings would double the cost of pension provision to the state over the next 20 years to £40 billion, assuming a 1.5 per cent growth in real average earnings, whereas the cost of

> prices would be about £38 the billion, government report said. The level of state pension age and the cost of pension provi-sion is being debated

uprating in

against backdrop of growing numbers of pensioners being supported by fewer people of working age. By 2010, there will be only 3.1 people of working age to support each pensioner instead of 3.4 per cent today. If men had the right to their pension at 60, there would only be 2.6 working people per pensioner. There will be about 11.3 million pensioners in 2010 against 10.3

million this year. The only way to avoid extra national insurance contributions is to raise the retirement age for everyone to at least 65. Mercer Fraser said that by 2010, with no equalisation of retirement ages, employers and employees would face a total tax of 25 per cent of annual salary if pensions earnings, and 18 per cent if the uprating was based on prices. If everyone retired at 67, the tax on an earnings basis would be cut to 17. while the payment would be only 12 per cent on a prices

pensions experts

Other

agree that the combination of a declining workforce and a reduced pension age would be expensive to fund. Roger Key, a partner at R Watson, the actuary, and a member of the pensions committee at the Institute of Actuaries, said: "If the retirement age is 60 and the earnings link is restored, it will have quite an

"It has immediate political repercussions. Restoring the k with earnings will not initially have much effect unless it is backdated but the cost will go up because the number of pensioners is increasing rapidly while the number of workers is not."

The government is torn between the political advantage to be gained from announcing a reduction or increased flexibility in retirement ages and the cost of such a move.

Ron Spill, pensions controller at Legal & General, said: "Full state pensions at 60 linked to earnings would be a big bill and would be approached gradually. But the trend is towards raising retirement ages and I believe the scenario of pensions at 60 is improbable, despite popular support for the option."

The date set for comments on the government's report is June 30, almost sure to be safely after a general election.

MORE than half of all com-pany schemes now have one retirement age but most have raised that for women to 65 rather than reduce the male pension age to 60, the National Association of Pension Funds said this week. Some companies which have not changed are waiting to see which way the government will move on state pension

The 1991 annual survey on company pension schemes run by NAPF members will be published at the end of the month. The NAPF said: "Preliminary indications are that the number of schemes equalising pension ages is continuing to increase and the majority are equalising at

The most recent figures, for 1990, showed that 53 per cent of NAPF members had equalised pension ages for their employees but of these, 45 per cent had set the age at 65 while only 40 per cent had set it at 60. This trend is continuing, said the NAPF, A further 10 per cent had settled on 62 for everyone and 5 per cent had compromised at

Many women employees could find the transfer value of their pension eroded by between 25 per cent and 30

#### Company schemes choose to level up

per cent if their employer decides on a standard pension age of 65, pensions expens have warned. Ron Spill, Legal & General's pensions controller said: "A pension paid earlier is more valuable than a pension paid later and transfer values reflect this." Employees who have con-

tributed to their company scheme, then leave the company before they reach retirement age can either leave their pension where it is or transfer it to another scheme, in which case it will be given a transfer value.

But transfer values are not guaranteed, and many schemes are not compelled to keep to the original terms. Mr Spill said: "If everyone agrees to change the pension age. they could also be agreeing to change transfer values and

Others are more optimistic

that most companies will safeguard transfer values. Roger Key, partner at R Watson, the actuary, said: "In a lot of cases transfer values will be safeguarded. A lot of pension schemes have restrictive amendment provisions which means they cannot change the scheme so that benefits already clocked up cannot be made worse. Most schemes will not allow this for past service and a lot will also

safeguard future benefits." None of this applies in cases where there is not enough money in the pension fund to meet liabilities. Employees have no right to even a smaller transfer value, as Mirror Group employees discovered this week.

Under the 1985 Social Security Act, the rights to a transfer payment can be overridden if a pension fund has been plundered, badly invested or if the company has not handed over its contributions or those of

employees.
The NAPF said this was to avoid the case of members getting their transfer values on a first come, first served basis, so that the first to apply receive their full transfer only a proportion of their

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Europe battles with costs

BRITAIN is one of only four countries in Europe which do not have the same retirement ages for men and women. but like its European partners, it is struggling to find ways of reducing the cost of pension provision. Several countries have already made drastic changes by raising retirement ages and increasing contributions (Sara McConnell

Greece. Portugal and Italy still have split retirement ages, according to the latest annual report on pensions in Europe from Noble Lowndes, the actuary. Greece allows women to retire at 60, and men five years later, as in Britain. Italy is at present more generous to all its working population, allowing men to take a pension at 60 and women to retire on a full pension at 55. Portugal lets women retire at 62, men at 65. All other European Community countries have one retirement age.

ranging from 60 in France and Belgium to 67 in Denmark.

Last year, amid much public protest. the Greek government lengthened the minimum time someone had to work to qualify for a state pension and the final average pension is now based on the last five, not the last two, years' salaries.

Both Italy and Portugal are planning to take action on serious difficulties with the funding of their pension provision. Proposals under consideration by the Italian government will raise the pension age to 65 for both sexes by 2016, moving up in increments starting next year, increase contributions and increase the length of working life need-

ed to qualify. Figures from the British government included in its report. "Options for Equality in State Pension Age", show that 35 per cent of Italy's population will be over 65 by 2040, while the

working population will fall by 15 per cent. Nearly 23 per cent of France's population will be over 65 by 2040, compared with 14 per cent now.

Some of the most draconian measures to ease funding difficulties were adopted by Germany in 1988 and will be progressively implemented from this year. By 2005, German women will have to wait until they are 65 before they can draw a full state pension, an option which is also under active consideration in this country. The German govern-ment has also increased contributions but the pain is eased slightly by an increase in the government subsidy.

Spain has also taken steps to lighten the financial burden of pensions on its working population over the last 10 years by freezing its maximum pension. lengthening the period of final average earnings on which the pension level is based, and withdrawing early retirment.

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## Friendly word for lending groups

THE number of credit unions has increased more than 50 per cent to 317 in the 21 months to the end of

However. Rosalind Gilmore, chief registrar of friendly societies, gave a warning this week that the attractions of the lending organisations, which, by law, cannot charge more than I per cent interest a month (annual percentage rate 12.68 per cent), may be leading people to set up the unions without sufficient

In 1990, 72 new credit unions were registered, and 44 in the first nine months of last year. Since then, the number of new unions has remained buoyant. Credit unions are financial co-operatives set up by a group of neighbours, people who work together, or members of the same organisation. This "common bond" should mean that loan repayments are kept up because borrowers do not want to let down people they see regularly.

It also enables the lending committee to assess the ability of a member to repay a

Credit unions are mushrooming,

but enthusiasm alone is not enough. Lindsay Cook reports

the anxieties of the registrar

a conditional discharge. The

fines were small, totalling

£420 with a further £580 in

costs. During the year, a total of 13 societies were convicted.

An attempt to set up a compensation scheme for

savers with credit unions

failed during the year to Sep-tember 1990. The discus-

sions did not get so far as to suggest a percentage of sav-

ings that could be safeguard-

ed. Building society savers, for example, are guaranteed 90 per cent of the first

£20,000 of savings. There is

no protection for credit union

the report says.

not be able to borrow from banks because they would not score enough on the creditrating schemes operated.

Mrs Gilmore said in the annual report of the registry of friendly societies, which registers credit unions and monitors their activities, that there was a danger that "the enthusiasm and energy which marks the launch of a credit union is prone to diminish with time. It is imperative that those responsible for promoting credit unions ensure that there is not only place from the start, but also a reserve of trained individuals who can step in. Manage-ment of credit unions is an onerous responsibility - that of ensuring that members'

funds are safely stewarded." One aspect of this stewardship is to keep the registry

balances because saving opens the way to loans of up to £5,000. Derek Lee, registrar of friendly societies, said that usually, the loans advanced are in the low hun-Members save by investing in the society's shares. By law, fully informed and to submit regular financial returns. In

credit unions can pay up to 8 the past few months, the regper cent on deposits but Mr Lee said that most do not pay istry has prosecuted eight credit unions for not submitanything at all to start with and then pay 3 or 4 per cent.

"Most people join to be able
to borrow, but they have to ting the quarterly and annual returns on time. Seven were convicted and one was given

build up a credit balance first.
They are usually happy to suffer a relatively low interest. rate as the balances are small and the losses are therefore very small," he said.

happy to earn interest of 3 to

4 per cent on their credit

There are currently about 50,000 members of credit unions, with the growth mainly concentrated in urban areas. About two-thirds of the unions set up over the past decade are in West Yorkshire (33 new unions), Tyne & Wear (29), Merseyside (28), Greater Manchester (27), Greater London (26) and West Midlands (25). Strathclyde accounts for 49 of the



Onerous responsibility: Rosalind Gilmore

66 Scottish unions registered stricting their activities. They at September 30. There are six credit unions in Wales.

Four unions ended the year effectively closed down by directions prohibiting or re-

were the Antilles Credit Union, the Enterprise Credit Union, Viewpark Credit Union and ACFF (Notting-

Trusts jump at loophole in Peps rules

COMPANIES are eagerly: courting investors for their new investment trusts by offering them the chance to put up to £12,000 into personal equity plans linked to the trusts. All income and capital gains from investments in Peos are tax-free

Scottish Amicable and Lloyds bank have launched new investment trust Peps. Because of a loophole in the Pep regulations, these count as new issues, and investors can put the whole of their E6,000 annual allowance into within 42 days of investing.

Both companies are offering the option of putting in £12,000 in one go, £6,000 for the Pep year 1991-2, which ends in April, and £6,000 for the following Pep year. 1992-3, to qualify under the 42-day rule. M&G has already written to potential investors in its new recovery investment trust Pep, offering them the opportunity to take out two Peps at the same time if they register

before March. John Wright, at Lloyds In-estment Managers, said the

lion" during the subscription period for its new split capital smaller companies trust. The closing date for subscriptions

Scottish Amicable will aunch its smaller companies investment trust on January 22. As with Lloyds, investors will be allowed to put £12,000. into a Pep in one go because the investment trust is a new February 27 will be issued one warrant for every five at the opening price of the shares at a later date.

The Exerer Preferred Capital Investment Trust, spon-sored by Greig Middleton, the stockbroker, will also allow investors to take advan-£60 million in the public

offer, open until January 23. The Fleming Income and Capital investment trust is likely to set itself a target of 1250 million from investors.

Again, investors can put up to 3 £12,000 into this trust for this Pep year and the next.

NATIONAL Provident Instiunion (NPI) has cut payouts on ten-year endowment poli-cies manuring after January I. by 8.8 per cent, while the payout on 15 year endowment policies has fallen 2.8 per cent. The payout on a tenyear policy into which E30 a £6,003, down from £6,581. The payout on a 15-year poli-cy will be £14,406 instead of £14,825. Payouts on 25-year endowments will be £51,989, the same as those set at a

review last July. ☐ Applicants for life assurance policies from Guardian Royal Exchange will find pro- to another scheme with the cessing times cut as the com- Scarborough. There is an appary is cutting down on the plication fee of £75.

tary medical questionnaires to be completed by policy-holders instead of asking the applicant's doctor to fill in the

The Scarborough Building Society has launched a mortgage fixed for one year at 9.95 per cent (an annual per-centage rate of 11.9 per cent), until March 31, 1993. There is a penalty of three months interest for redemptions in the first two years but this is waived if a borrower transfers

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## It is a long wait behind the liquidator

BCCI may be the biggest and most complex corporate failure, but even with

quite straightforward businesses creditors often have a long wait for very little. Liz Dolan finds out why

NEWS this week that the Bank of Credit and Commerce International was to be wound up raises the thorny question of just how much depositors can hope to get back after the liquidators have taken their share of the assets, and how long it will take before the whole business has been completed.

Fees payable for work comleted in the UK so far in the BCCI liquidation have already reached £50 million. according to Touche Ross. the provisional liquidator. which at its peak had 330 partners and staff working on the case. The affair is expected to cominue well into the next century.

The Consumers Association is also worried about the time such cases take, especially where compensation schemes are concerned. Some of the depositors caught up in the BCCI affair face real hardship, even bankruptcy. They are due up to £15,000 compensation from the Depositors' Protection Fund, but will have to want until at least the end of this month for their money. The bank stopped trading in

Jane Vass, the association's research manager, said: "These schemes should be empowered to move more quickly. At the moment everyone has to wait until the company has actually gone into liquidation. We think there should be some way of paying cases of real hardship much earlier." The association is also lobbying to get the ceiling for compensation paid to bank depositors raised from £15,000 to £100,000, and then inflation-

The BCCI affair is unique. according to Touche Ross. It is the largest and most complex corporate failure in history, involving regulatory authorities in 60 countries. The liquidator's best estimate is that only 40p in the pound will ultimately be recovered and depositors will not see even that amount until 1994.

However, much less complex cases involving purely UK-based companies have taken well over ten years to Christopher Morris,

BCCI's official liquidator, has yet to close the books on a Sumatran rubber company that collapsed in 1949. Ian Bond, president of the Society of Insolvency Practitioners and a partner in Cork Gully, the insolvency firm, is still grappling with problems associated with the collapse of the International Credit Bank of Geneva, which went under in 1976.

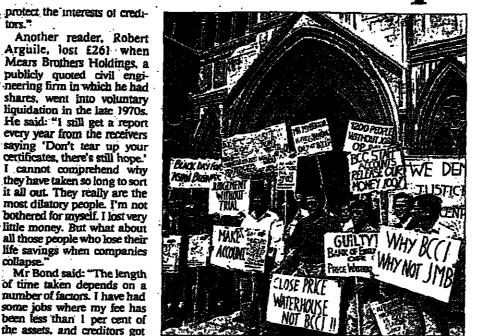
Several readers involved in liquidations have asked why such operations cost so much. and take so long. Frank Paton, of Bridgwater in Somerset, received 12.8p in the pound as an unsecured creditor of a firm which went bankrupt in December 1989. The liquidators got 32 per cent of the available assets. He said: "I understood the liquidators were appointed to

Another reader, Robert Arguile, lost £26} when Mears Brothers Holdings, a publicly quoted civil engineering firm in which he had shares, went into voluntary liquidation in the late 1970s. He said: "I still get a report every year from the receivers saying 'Don't tear up your certificates, there's still hope." I cannot comprehend why they have taken so long to sort it all out. They really are the

life savings when companies Mr Bond said: "The length of time taken depends on a number of factors. I have had some jobs where my fee has been less than I per cent of the assets, and creditors got 95p or even 100p in the pound. In others, the reverse has happened." In most cases, it was reasonably simple to agree on who had a claim on the business and to

The real problem comes when assets then have to be realised. For instance, you may have a stretch of land in, say, Oklahoma, with planning problems. Before you can sell it, you have to estab-

get initial payments under



Credit line: protest by BCCI staff and depositors

lish the rights to the property, then you have to find a buyer, pay the appropriate taxes and get the money out of the country before you can even start thinking about dividing up the proceeds."

Costs paid to the liquidators had to be approved by the creditors, he said. "We don't just write out cheques to ourselves. The creditors aren't our buddles. They are the ones who have lost the money and they are going to be concerned about what is happening to the remaining

Liquidators are paid according to five criteria: the complexity of the case, the effectiveness with which liquidators carry out their duties, the level of responsibility in-

and the time taken to unravel the case. Fees paid range from £15-£20 per hour for junior staff to more than £200 per hour for senior partners. The bulk of the work is carried out by people earning £75 per hour.

Mr Bond calculates that payments made to liquidators average 10 per cent of the total of realisable assets.

Only 11,400 of the 32,000 depositors on BBCI's UK books have applied for compensation. The view, both in the City and in Whitehall, is that many of the rest have something to hide and are unlikely ever to reclaim their money. If the same occurs in other countries, the "honest" claimaints will get a larger slice of the cake than they could otherwise have hoped

People who have shares in

companies that go into liqui-dation come right at the end of the queue when the assets are divided up. They are unlikely to end up with anything at all. If there is any money left over for shareholders it is because the value of the assets is much higher than suspected at the time of liquidation. During a property boom for instance, the liquidators may be able to sell assets for very much more than anyone thought possible.

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## BES company to take on 150 homes for rental

by selling 150 of the properties on its books to a company backed by a Business Expansion Scheme (Liz Dolan

The properties are a mixture of those that have already been repossessed, and those whose occupiers are currently facing eviction for non-payment. They will then be rented out either to new tenants, or to any existing occupiers: able to meet the new rental requirements. Suitable existing occupiers are being informed of the scheme and

asked to apply.

Smith & Williamson, the sponsor, is looking to raise up to £15m. Investors pay a minimum of £1,000, and any more in multiples of £500. Under BES rules, standardrate taxpayers can then claim back 25p per 100p share and higher-rate payers 40p. In-vestors pay issue costs of 6.75 per cent of the funds raised.

Cavendish Home Investments, the company running the scheme, says it will make a minimum distribution at the end of the five year term of 137p a share. The properties will be sold back to TMC at the end of the period unless the company decides it can get a higher return by selling them on the open market. For this to happen, house prices will have to have risen by more than 5 per cent in each of the five years.

A similar scheme set up by Johnson Fry recently was rejected by the Inland Revenue because letting agreements cial difficulties.

on to the BES company. According to Gareth Pearce of Smith & Williamson, no such problem would occur in this case because TMC was selling the properties on to Smith & Williamson before tenancies were offered to existing

. He added that tax certificates would be sent out to investors after the minimum four-month period after the

TMC is also preparing to launch two other initiatives aimed at cutting down on the mumber of repossessions on its books. It is discussing with a number of housing associations a scheme whereby it leases properties to the associations for an initial period of between one and three years. Under the scheme, TMC receives a rental stream, while the housing association would be paid a fee for man-

aging the properties. A spokesman for TMC said: "We are not looking to

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THE Morigage Corporation - were already in place before is recouping some of the the properties had been sold

mortgagors. scheme gets underway.

simply defer the problems of homeless families. The housing associations will select people whose circumstances are appropriate to this type of letting. The corporation is also planning to launch a service, called JobCare, which will advise TMC borrowers who are not yet in arrears. with their mortgage, but are worried that they may soon lose their jobs. JobCare will be run in conjunction with TMC's existing MoneyCare debt counselling service for borrowers already in finan-

## Holiday plan offers 'undersold' refunds

BARCLAYS is offering its own version of one London department store's proudpromise, "Never knowingly undersold" (Sara McConnell

For the first time, the sixyear-old Barclaycard Holiday Club will refund the difference if cardholders buying a holiday through the club find the same trip at a lower price within seven days of booking.

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Holidays from more than 50 tour operators, including Inghams, Thomsons, P&O and Brittany Ferries, qualify for the deal. Two adults and a child travelling to Crete this July for 14 nights bed and breaksfast with Falcon would get £60 spending money to help with the £960 cost. Two adults taking a 13-day Black Sea cruise on board Cunard's Vistafjord in May in a category A double outside cabin would have to pay £7,860 for the holiday but would get £500 spending money. Cruise bookings form 10 per cent of the holiday club's total bookings, compared

ket as a whole Barciays said that chib bookings were up about 20 per cent this year. Long haul holidays are proving most popular, with bookings up 24 per cent. Bookings to Europe are up 11 per cent.

with 2 per cent for the mar-

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This mini prospectus, dated 15th January 1992, describes briefly Eactor Professed Capital Investment Trist This mini prospectos, dated 15th January 1992, descrives brighty execter recierted Capeau investment a line PLC ("the Company" or "Exister"), the Offer and how to apply for Ordinary Shares. The Directors are satisfied that a contains a fair summary of the key information set out in the listing particulars dated 15th January 1992 ("the Listing Particulars") relating to the Company and the Offer it should be read in conjunction with the Listing Particulars which alone contain (till details of the Company and the Offer and which are available from the addresses below. In applying for Ordinary Shares in the Company you will be tremed as applying on the basis of the information contained in the Listing Particulars and on the terms and conditions set out in this muni prospectus.

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- · Exeter will pay only modest dividends but, when added to projected capital growth described above, this would result in a prospective gross redemption yield at the Offer Price for the Ordinary Shares of approximately 13.6 per cent. per annu
- · Exeter's portfolio will initially be divided into two roughly equal parts, one devoted to zero dividend preference shares and the other to a selection of income shares of investment trusts. Both of these types of skare for the most part have a preferential right to the return of capital on a winding-up. They enjoy a high degree of safety as to capital repayment because generally their capital cover is high.
- Exeter will have substantial capital gearing in the form of a zero coupon deben which will have priority over Ordinary Shareholders' rights to income and capital and which offers its holders a gross return of 11.15 per cent.
- A high level of retained income as a result of the accounting treatment of the imputed interest on the Debeuture Stock provides substantial surplus cash in reserves which will be reinvested for the future.
- Exeter's Ordinary Shares qualify for Personal Equity Plan Schemes.
- The Ordinary Shares offer an alternative to zeroes of existing investment trusts at a higher projected rate of return. The payment of a small dividend is designed to appeal to those private investors who would be more willing to invest in zeroes if they offered some immediate income.

#### 1. Introduction

The Company's objective is to generate a high and secure return for its Ordinary Shareholders in the form of capital growth. It also expects to pay a modest dividend. Exeter's investment policy has been drawn up with a view to minimising risk. Its portfolio will consist predominantly of zero dividend preference shares and income shares in UK split capital investment trusts rather than higher

The Company will have a fixed life of ten years. At the end of that period the Directors shall funless they have been released from their obligation to do sot convene an Extraordinary General Meeting to approve a resolution to wind up the Company.

Exercise will invest in the shares of split capital investment trusts which offer steady and reliable growth not, otherwise than in exceptional market conditions, directly dependent on the performance of equities in general. By investing in the higher ranking capital of other investment trusts a greater degree of certainty of return should be achieved than with other investment trusts.

The Directors believe that the Company's structure will be advantageous to the Ordinary Shareholders. It allows the Ordinary Shares to take on many of the characteristics normally associate with zero dividend preference shares but with an increased return because the cost of the Debenture Stock will be lower than the estimated return from the investment portfoli allow, after payment of a dividend, the accumulation and re-investment of a large proportion of the Company's gross income for the benefit of Ordinary Shareholders.

Exercis investments will be managed by Jan Henderson Associates Limited ("the Investment

The Directors intend to conduct the affairs of the Company so that for the purposes of UK taxation it will be eligible for approval as an investment trust within the provisions of Section 842 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Further details on taxation are contained in Paragraph 7 of Part V of the Lasting Particulars.

As at 10th January 1992 the combined market capitalisation of all split capital investment trusts was approximately C 5 billion" of which zeroes and income shares were approximately 0 b billion and £1 billion respectively. The shares have remaining lives of three to sen years. Since 1st January 1989, 19 new and reconstituted split capital investment trusts have been brought to the market and are currently capitalised at approximately £1 billion. Most of these have included zeroes in their structure, and the Directors believe that further issues are likely. Current gross redemption yields for zeroes he between 9.5 and 12.6 per cent. Recent new issues have been made with gross annual redemption yields of 11.0 and 11.5 per cent. at their offer price

The performance of split capital investment trusts in overall terms is derived mainly from direct in equities. Such activity carries with it a degree of risk to the extent that capital performance is subject to fluctuation. However, this risk is generally borne by capital shares which tank behind both acto dividend preference shares and mount shares. By investing mainly in these prior ranking stocks. Exercise exposure to the risks inherent in equity

It is the intention of the Directors to provide a high rate of capital appreciation for Onlinary Shareholders coupled with a modest level of dividend yield.

To meet this objective, the Company will divide its initial investment portfolio into two mughly equal parts spin between zero dividend preference shares and income shares with characteristics described below. The investment Manager will have the scope to improve the returns by altering the proportions and by directing the siment of retained moome into one category of the other

Based on the returns at present available, the Company anticipates an ability to invest in zero disidend tence shares at an average gross redemption yield of approximately 11.6 per cent. This is close to the current

The Company's projected life extends beyond the lives of most of the existing zeroes expected to be included in its portfolio. The Director, anticipate that there will be sufficient turther issues of shares by first and reconstructed split capital investment trusts to enable the Company to maintain its investment policy over its life. The Directors see the possibility that the attractions of zero disuland preference rooms might recode in comparison with tall share counterparts at some time in the Company's life. With this in mind, the Investment Manager of their capital share counterparts at some time in the Company's life. With this in m impowered to consider investment of up to 10 per cent, of the rotal portfolio in capital shares. No such investment is

The Company's policy will be to invest in income shares, including hybrids, currently providing an average yield of 15 per cent, per angum. The Directors will place considerable importance on the selection of these shares to to with an emphases on the potential rate at which income share prices may reduce while they are held in the portfolio and on the rotential rate of growth in dividends.

The Directors expect that all the shares in which the Company invests will be listed on recognised stock exchanges. Cash and lean securities would only be held for short periods pending investment or reinvestment and will not be held as part of the investment strategy. When considered appropriate, the Company will use borrowed moneys, including possible further tranches of debenture stock, to fund the acquisition of securities in order to enhance possible returns to Ordinary Shareholders at an efficient manner

The investment policy set out above will be adhered to by Exeter for at least three years and is subject to the restrictions set out in Peragraph 8 of Part V of the Listing Particulars \* Source - Green Muldleson Spig Capital Indices, published dath.

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Ordinary Shares will rank behind the predetermined emillements of the Debenure Stock and, in this way, the return
on the Ordinary Shares will be graved. All the striples assets of the Company on its winding up will, after repayment
of the Debenure Stock, be distributed to the Ordinary Shareholdern.

In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Companies Act 1985, if at any time the assets of the Company full below an aggregate amount which is one and a half times the aggregate of its liabilities (which include the Debenture Stock) no dividend or other distribution can be paid or made by the Company total and to the exact.

The Trust Deed will contain a provision that will enable Debenture Stockholders to call for repayment in circumstances where the gross total assets of the Company full below 1.25 times the aggregate principal amount as defined therein. The Directors consider that, in view of the Company's investment policy, the initial cover for the Debenture Stock of 1.79 times should be sufficient to moder the prospect of an early redemption or a regulation on the payment of dividends on the Ordinary Shares unlikely.

Under the Articles of Association the Directors are obliged, unless they have been previously released from their obligation to do so by a special resolution of the Company passed not earlier than 31st Geober 2001, to convene an Europediatory Geograf Meeting of the Company to be held on or immediately prior to 31st January 2002, at which a special resolution will be proposed to wind up the Company.

5. Characteristics of the Ordinary Shares

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As stated above, the net asset value of the Ordinary Shares is projected to grow in capital terms at approximately 13.1 per cent. per samma, which together with anticipated dividencia, would result in a prospective annual gross redemption yield of approximately 13.6 per cent. over the Company's fixed ten year life. This is based upon key assumptions including, inter alls, assumptions regarding the Company's investment portfolio of zeroes and income shares, the rate of growth of dividend income on the income shares and how the Company's cash reserves are reinvested, as set out in Paragraph 13 below. The table of projected returns below incorporates these assumptions, while paying no regard to any increases in returns which might be achieved from new investments during the Company's life.

Table A.: Projected returns to Ordinary Shareholders Value of zero portfolio 151.5 Value of income state portfolio 59.5 193.0 33.3 Less Debesture Stock 100.0 93.0 Net assets of the Company 26.2 Approximate set asset value per Ontinary Share Approximate annual capital growth from the issue price of 100p 13.1 per cent. 13.6 per cent. Approximate gross redemption yield at the issue price of 100p per state: (if in the tuble above the exponses of the Issue have been allocated as at January 1992 between the proceeds of the Ordinary area and Debenhare Stock on a pro-cuts benis.

(ii) Calculations of the not asset value per Ordinary Share daring the Company's life will be made after deducting the convent prior value of the Debennye Stock, This wift be companied on a compounded basis at a rate equivalent to some 0.88 per cent. per The Directors intend to announce their projections of the likely redemption value of the Ordinary Shares on a

Of the principal assumptions set out in Paragraph 13 below there are two which are of particular in the rate at which the price of income shares may reduce while they are held in the portfolio and the rate of growth of dividends on the income shares in the portfolio. The table below relates variations in these assumptions to the projected annual gross redemption yields and puts into consext the central assumptions upon which Table A is based.

	Table B: Variations in projected retain			
Rate of growth	Rate of rea	fuction in income st		
in dividend income:	-2 <del>1/15</del>	-5%	-71/2%	
21/4%	13.3%	12,4%	11.7%	
5%	14.4%	13.6%	12.9%	
71⁄₂¶-	15.9%	15.1%	14.5%	

6. Characteristics of the Debenture Stock
The Debenture Stock carries no entitlement to interest. The gross redemption yield on the Debenture Stock
based on the Placing Price of 34.71p per unit of £1 nominal is 11.15 per cent. \* On the repsyment date of 31st fanoary
2002 the Debenture Stock will be repaid at pur as described in more detail in Part II of the Listing Particulars. There
are certain provisions for early repayment which are also set out in Part II of the Listing Particulars, together with a
summary of all the provisions of the Debenture Stock. Further details of the accounting and sustains treatment of the
Character of the Company of the II string Particulars. re Stock are contained in Paragraph 7(b) and (d) of Part V of the Listing Particular

Based on the assumptions set out in Pacagraph 13 below and the expenses of the Issue affocated between the ary Shares and the Debenture Stock on a pro-rata basis, the Debenture Stock will have a capital cover at the time of issue of approximately 1.79 times the act amount raised.

The Dependure Stock will be issued in registered form and will be transferable in multiples of £1 in nominal mi. The Debendure Stock will be constiguted by the Trust Deed and will be secured by a first floating charge over 7. Dividend Policy and Accounts

The income of the Company will be derived whosly or mainly from shares and securities. The Directors mend to pay to Ordinary Shareholders a modest single dividend each year. The Directors expect to pay a single dividend for the first accounting period of the Company of at least 0.60p act (0.80p gross) per Ordinary Share. Annual accounts will be made up to 31st January in each year and the Company's first accounting period will est on 21st January 1001.

Timothy Klunber (55) (Chairman) worked at Lazard Brothers & Co. Limited after joining from industry in 1966 tanil 1988, finally retiring from the Board at the end of 1989. He has been involved with investment trusts as a fund unmager of a director since 1968. He is chairman of Durtmoor Investment Trust plc and a director of Martin Currie Pacific Trust Plc, The New Zenland Investment Trust plc, Adam & Company Investment Management Limited and Noble Geoup Limited, Among his other interests he is a director and joint founder of Border Financial Services

Percerine Banbury (43) joined Courts & Co. in 1967, leaving three years later to travel overseas. From 1971 to 1981 vorked as a stockhooker. He then joined Robert Fleming at an investment manager, in 1986 be was appointed a ctor of EBC Azaro Asset Management Ltd. At the end of 1987 be re-joined Courts in his convent position as the

David Brooks (53) joined Rows & Pignam in 1959, becoming a general partner in 1968. When they merged with S.G. Warburg in 1966, he became a director of S.G. Warburg pit and deputy chairman of S.G. Warburg Securities. He is a director of J.O. Hambor & Company Ltd. and chief executive of J.O. Hambor & Partners Limited. He is also Securities p.l.c., and non-executive chairman of Amstrong Integrational Limited. He is also chairman of the International Markets Advisory Board to the NASD and a former member of the Integrational Capital Markets dvisory Committee to the Board of Directors of the New York Stock Each Persprine Moneyriffs (40) is Chief Executive of Buchanan Partners Limited. After leaving Onford University in 1972 he worked in London, New York and the Far East initially for the Credit Saisse First Boston group and

ly until 1988 within the Shearson Lehman Hutton group of companies. Viscourus St. Develor (52) has spent upost of his working career in stockbroking, becoming a member of the Sapck Vickers Limited in 1968. He is a consultant to Greig Middleton & Co. Limited.

The Directors will be responsible for the determination of the Company's investment policy and for the overall supervision of its investments. The day to day notangement of the investment portfolio of the Company will be delegated to IHA which will manage those investment in accordance with the Company's investment policy

IHA was founded by Ian Flenderson. He is a director of Gartmane American Securities p.l.c. Prom 1973 to 1980 he was responsible for the investment management of Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society. In 1980 he joined London and Manchester Assurance Company Limited as General Manager (Investments) and in 1982 he became a director of London and Manchester Group pic. In 1986 hm Henderson resigned to set up his own ent services business based in Easter.

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Bild acts as investment manager for funds totalling in excess of £130 million. It is also a holding company whose two principal subsidiaries are Sinclair Henderson Limited, which acts as company secretary and administrator for fourteen investment trusts, and Eacter Fund Managers Limited, which operates four authorised unit trusts. These unit trusts, Eacter Fund of Investment Trusts, Eacter High Income Trust. Exeter Capital Growth Fund and Exeter Zero Preference Fund, were Isamched at various dams between July 1987 and May 1991 and have portfolios which specialise in different types of investment trust shares. IIIA is the investment manager for these unit trusts and for Exmove Dual Investment Trust PLC. Isamched in Angust 1988, and Dartmoor Investment Trust pic, leanched in April 1990. Both of these investment trusts invest primarily in the capital and income shares of split capital movestment trusts. IIIA also has certain investment management responsibilities for The New Zealand Investment Trust pic.

ousible for the management of funds whose investment policies are similar to those of the aber of IMRO. IHA will comply with its rules and in particular it will ensure that the Company of will be able to participate in, all investment opportunities identified by IHA which are in Company. As a member of IMRO, IHA will comply with its rules and in will be offered, and will be able to participate in, all investment opposecutione with the Company's investment policy. Calculated on the basis indicated by the Joint Indica and Classification Constribute of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaties as reported in the Journal of the Institute of Actuaties, Vol. 105. Part 1, 1978, page: 18

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION FORM

The following notes should be read in conjunction with the Application Form. Insert in Box 1 (in figures) the number of Ordinary Shares for which you are applying. Applications
must be for a miniatum of 500 Ordinary Shares or in one of the following multiples

for more than 500 shares, but not more than 1,000 shares, in multiples of 100 shares

for more than 1,000 shares, but not more than 10,000 shares, in multiples of 500 shares

for more than 10,000 shares, in multiples of 1,000 shares.

2. Insert in Box 2 (in figures) the amount of your cheque or banker's draft The amount of your chaque or banker's draft should be the Offer Price of £1 multiplied by the number of shares

Sign and date the Application Form in Box 3 The Application Form may be signed by someone else on your behalf if duly authorised to do so, but the original powents of anomaly or a duly certained copy thereof must be enclosed for inspection and will be retirmed in due course. A corporation should sign under the hand of a duly authorised official whose representative capacity must be

insert your full name and address in BLOCK CAPITALS in Box 4. 5. You must pin a single change or hanker's draft to your completed Application Form at Box 5. Your change or hanker's draft must be made payable to "Lloyds Bank Fic - Exeter Offer" for the full amount payable on application as inserted in Box 2 and should be crussed "Not Negotiable."

No receipt will be issued for this payment, which must be solely for this application. Your cheque or banker's draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a branch (which must be in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the fole of Mant of a bank which is either a member of the London and Scottish Clearing Houses or which has arranged for its cheques and hunter's drates to be presented for payment through the clearing facilities provided for the members of those Clearing Houses and must bear the appropriate vot code number.

Applications may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicantist, but any monies to be returned will be sent by crossed chaque in layour of the person numed in Box 4.

 You may apply jointly with other persons You must then arrange for the Application Form to be completed by or on behalf of each joint applicant tup maximum of three other persons. Then full names should be inserted in BLOCK CAPITALS in Box 6. Defin state certificates and a cheque for any mones to be returned in the names of the joint applicants will be sent to the

An application for shares which are to be renounced or transferred into a PEP must be made by a sole applicant plesion of Boxes 6 or 7 will invalidate such a renunciation or trans

7. Box 7 must be signed by or on behalf of each joint applicant (other than the first applicant who should If anyone is signing on behalf of any journ applicantis), the original powers) of attorney or a duly certified copy thereof must be enclosed for aspection.

You must send the completed Application Form together with the cheque or hanker's druft by post, or deliver it by hand, to Lloyds Bank Pic. Registrar's Department, Issue Section, P.O. Box 1909. And Floor, Botto House, 80 Chexpeide, Landon EC2V 6EE so as to be received so later than 16,00 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd January 1992. Any person signing this Application Form under a power of attorney must enclose the original power of attorney for a duly excitined cupy thereof) for inspection. If you post your Application Form, you are recommended to use first class post and to allow at least two days for delivery.

Details of the management agreement between the Company and IHA are set out in paragraph 6 of Part V of the Listing Particulars. Under this agreement IHA is also responsible for the provision of administrative and secretarial services which will be supplied by Suckar Henderson Limited. The agreement includes provision for the payment of a fee of 0.3 per cent. per amount of the gross asset value of the Company (as defined in the agreement) subject to a minimum fun of F00 000 year agreement. subject to a minimum few of £30,000 per quarter.

Although zeroes are preferred securities and emitted to the first distribution of assets at the time of liquidation, they are part of the equity capital of spile capital investment mass. In the event that the assets of such investment mass, in the event that the assets of such investment mass decline substantially between now and the time of their liquidation there is a risk, that some of the

projected redemption values will not be met in full. The price of investment trest shares, in common with other shares, together with the income derived from

The Debenture Stock will be regaid at a level which provides a pre-determined rate of return over the Company's fixed ten year life. The Company's mainful investment portfolio, however, will be made up of sharts with redemption dates less than ten years bence. No certain prediction can be made of the likely seturns available in the future for re-investment in a perifolio of similar shares.

Ordinary Shareholders should appreciate that in certain economic circumstances there is a risk that the capital cover of the Debenture Stock might fall below the natio of 1.25 to 1. This would enable the Debenture Stockholders

11. Personal Equity Plans ("PEPs") The investment policy of the Company will enable the Ordinary Shares to be eligible as "qualifying investments" under the Personal Equity Plan Regulations. On this basis an individual investor can transfer up to 6,000 Ordinary Shares acquired pursuant to the Offer into a PEP, but such transfer must be made within a period of 42 days following the allotment of shares to the investor, which is expected to take place on 28th Immary 1992.

Individuals inscaling to transfer Ordenry Shares into a PEP must apply for the shares in a single name only. Shares held in Joint states caused be transferred into a PEP. Private investors intending to transfer Ordinary Shares into a PEP should obtain advice from their personal financial adviser authorised under the Financial Services Act 1986.

12. Selling Commission

Authorised insured intermediantes who seem Application Forms bearing their stamp and SIB number will be paid a selling commission of 2 per cent, of the Offer Price in respect of successful applications. Francisl intermediantes should keep a record of all Application Forms submitted bearing their stamp to substantiate any claim

Lioyde Bank Pic, the Registrars and Receiving Bank, will collate the Application Forms bearing the famocial medianies' stamps and calculate the selfing commission payable which will be paid within one mouth of the close

13. Principal Scars and Assumptions

The principal bases and assumptions used in deriving the illustrative investment statistics given in this miniprospectus in relation to the Ordinary Shares are set out below:

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That the gross proceeds of the laste will amount to £62.010,000 and the expenses of the laste will amount to no more than 4 per cent. Of the assumed gross proceeds of the laste.

That the zero dividend purference shares in the portfolio will have an anotal gross redemption yield of 11.6 per cent, and the income shares are anotal gross dividend yield of 15 per cent.

That the zero dividend purference shares in the portfolio will be divided between zero dividend preference shares and income shares in the proportion of 54 to 46. While the Company's dividend payment will absorb substantially all of its net income, the statewes derived from the imputed intensa on the Debendare Stock will be reinvested in a similar proportion to the initial seroffolio.

That income share prices will reduce while they are held in the portfolio at an average rate of 5 per cept. Per

That the dividends on the income states in the portfolio will grow at the rate of 5 per cest, per annuol. That the Company will be treated as an investment trust for the purposes of unation. that no changes occurrent tax law or practice, that the basic one of income un remains at 25 per cent. and that the rate of corpora

relevant hat have or practice, that the basic rate of income tax remains at 25 per cent. and that the rate or company tax remains at 33 per cent.

That the management fees charged to, and the other expenses of the Company inclusive of any irrecoverable VAT thereon, are charged to the tevente account, are paid at the end of each financial period and amount to not more than 0.4 per cent. per amount of the value of the Company is gross assets.

There will be no material dimination in the value of the Company are assets arising from its winding-up nor anisetial expenses incurred by the Company by reason of or in consection with such winding-up.

That the Company does not issue additional short capital during the planted ten year life of the Company nor iscurs significant additional indebtedness.

14. Offer for Subscription Agreement \*\*Offer for Subscription Agreement\*\*

Personn to an offer for subscription agreement dated 15th January 1992, Greig Middleton have agreed to offer to the public 10,000,000 of the Ordinary Shares and to procure sub-underwriters for 17,300,000 of the Ordinary Shares (or in default thereof to subscribe themselves) at the Offer Price. The Company will pay to Greig Middleton a commission of 4 per cent. on the Ordinary Shares subscribed for out of which Oreig Middleton with pay a subscriber commission of 2½ per cent. and a selfing commission of 2½ per cent. and all other cents and expenses relating to the Offer as set out in the offer for subscription agreement. The agreement may be terminated by Greig Middleton in certain circumstances.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

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1. The contract empired by the acceptance of applications in the summer beasts are us will be conditional on the offer for subscription agreement and the placing agreement referred to in Prangago's 5 of Part IV of the Listing Particulars becoming inconditional and not being installment in accordance with their terms. If any application is accepted, or if any contract created by acceptance does not become unconditional, or if any application is accepted for fewer-Ordinary Shares than the number application moneys or the behavior of the mount paid on application will be retarded without interest by past at the risk of the application. In the measureme, application moneys will be retarded by Lloyds Shark Pic in a terpreter account.

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members of the Company as respect of such Orontary States are engineered to work you of note a decorately focusately focus of the consideration of the Company agreeing that is well not, puts to 29th Instancy 1992, offer may Ordinary States to may persons other them by measure of the procedures and one in the Uniong Particulars, agree that your application tong one be revoked until after 29th Instancy 1992 and that this paragonic consumers a collateral contract between you and the Company which will become binding upon department you or or delivery of your Application Form day completed in Livya Bank Pic, Registers's Department, home Section, PU Box. 1900, 2nd Floor, Sohn House, 80 Cheapaide, London ECZV 685;

watered that your remotiume will be incorred on first personation; agree that any definitive these certificate and mostlys returnable to you may be estained pending electrance of your red such naturys with not bear interest; (f) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and constants resulting thereform will be governed by, and constant in accordance with, English law and that you subtant to the jurisdiction of the English county and agree that nothing shall limit the right of the Company to bring my action, and to protontings stability out at of m constanting with any such applications. acceptances and constants is any other manner premitted by law or in any count of competent jurisdictions;

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(g) versus that, if you sign the Application Fours on behalf of mother purply or on behalf of a conformation, you have due authority to the soul, where required by the section berein motifed. "Instructions four Completion of the Application Forms", undertake to exclose your power of amount or a copy through duty consisted by a solicitude.

(b) agree that, in appear of those, Ordinary Shares for which your application has been received and processed and not prohessed, acceptance of your applications that he operationed, at the discretion of the Company, either till by notice to the London Stock Exchange.

ce that all documents in connection wish the Offer and any retorated natures will be seen at your risk and may be sent to you at from (or, in the case of Joint applicants, the address of the first-named applicant) as set out in the Application Form:

agree first, having had the departurity to mad the Lasting Particulars, you shall be descreed to have had stories of all info governments concerning the Company common therein; and the construction concentrate the expectations of some temperature from the construction of all information and representation contenting the Computery constructed therein, and (a) construct that is staking such application types are not relying on my information or representation in relation to the Construction of the first three constructed in the Latting Particulars issued in connection with the Offers and you networkingly appear that no person responsible solely or jointly for the Latting Particulars for an attention of which the Offers and you networkingly in properties to the particulars for an Application Form in may be nother allowable or representation.

4. No parties receiving a copy of the Listing Particulars or an Application Form in may be such other latting on including an expension or offer to him. nor stock and the temperature of the responsibility of any registration or offer could be form the responsibility of any registration for an existing the matter of the latting obtaining any requisites governmental or other consents. It is the responsibility of any person consider the United Kingdom withing to make an application because or satisfy hierarch as so full observators of the latting obtaining any requisites governmental or other consents, observing any other formistics requiring to be observed in such territory.

5. The basis of allocation will be determined by the Company. The right to received to the an expectation of the Application Form.

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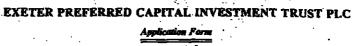
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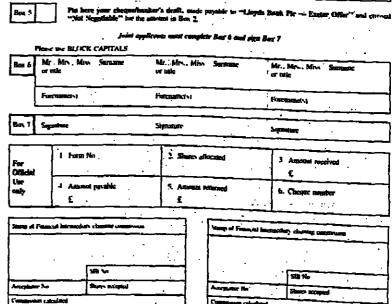
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#### Illicit love gives way to illicit mortgage relief



Nigel Lawson's Budget change in the Miras rules provoked the housing price boom of 1988

## Lenders get Revenue bill for wedded Miras bliss

By LINDSAY COOK, WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

1N the past, couples did not reveal that they were living together, unwed. Now they are keeping quiet when they get married; and it is costing mortgage lenders millions of pounds.

In the year to April 5, 1991, the Inland Revenue mortgage tax relief unit charged lenders £3.9 million for paying too much tax relief to couples who have married. This year the sum is likely to be larger, said fine Inland Revenue. Some building societies have been issued with additional tax bills of around £1 million.

Married couples have always been restricted to one person's mortgage tax relief. but until August 1988 single people could each have tax relief on £30,000 of a loan on Lawson's March Budget that year announced that multiple tax relief was to end for mostgages raken out after August . A scramble followed, with thousands of people determined to buy properties with double tax relief pushing up house price inflation over the summer months. Some were ing together to take advan-

tage of the tax system.

Large numbers have since married and should have told their lenders. Others have

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without telling the lender because they do not want to lose the tax relief worth around £800 a year.

Mark Boleat, director general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said: "The sums can be quite large. A couple could have got married two or three years ago without realising they had to tell their lender."

It is when the tax officials from the Miras unit at Bootle visit lenders that the illicit tax relief ean come to light. The Inland Revenue made 140 such audits last year.

Some lenders feel they are being "fined" unfairly when they have not been given the full information. They argue that if couples tell the Revenue they have married in



their lenders. Others have to bought out mortgage sharers. Mutchinson: mistake

order to get the married couple's tax allowance, this information should be passed on to help lenders give the correct amount of tax relief.

It is usually the lenders that pay most of the extra tax relief. This is because of the way the additional tax bill is arrived at, explained the Abbey National, which is negotiating with the Revenue about how much it should pay.

The second largest mortgage lender said it could not charge individuals, as the Revenue took a sample of mortgages and, from its check on those, calculated how much extra tax relief had been granted in error on the Abbey's total mortgage book. John Hutchinson, retail op-

erations director at the Nationwide Building Society said: "There are quire significant sums of money overall. Unless the borrowers grossly misled us we would normally stand the bill ourselves. It is usually a genuine misrake." He added that the society's mortgage terms and conditions, like those of other lenders, required borrowers to inform it of a change in circumstances.

The Leeds Permanent Building Society, which was last audited in January 1991, said it was more watchful for a change in borrowers circumstances now. There is a limit in how far we can go.

order to get the married cou- After all we are not a detective

The society does not claim back any money from borrowers for overpaid tax relief.

"There haven't been any cases where it is clear that borrowers have deliberately kept us in the dark."

The Halifax, the largest building society, said its last audit was also early last year, and before the Revenue arrived it had checked all accounts opened since 1989 to check the information was correct. The mortgage payments have to be increased back to the date of the marriage. The Halifax would expect borrowers to pay but would negotiate if the bill was going to cause problems.

going to cause problems.

The Woolwich Building Society is currently being audited by the Revenue. It says it expects borrowers to inform the society of any relevant changes. "When young couples came in for loans before August 1988 we told them during the interview that they should come and tell us immediately they got married."

The society added: "We would only charge a borrower if we believed they kept back information deliberately. If there was obvious deception all mortgage tax relief at source would be removed from the loan and they would have to make gross mortgage payments."

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## Do the miles or pay the tax, company car drivers warned

pany cars are raking to the roads in large numbers to avoid paying extra tax. If they do not complete at least 2,501 miles in the course of their business in the year to April 5 they could face an additional tax bill for £1,780. Their employers could also have to pay an extra £462.80 in national insurance contributions (Lindsay Cook writes).

Recent Budgets have pushed up the tax charged on the two million-blus company cars. And those farlyers who clock up 2,500 miles or test pay 50 per cera more tax on the benefit than those who cover 2,501 to 18,000 miles in the course of a year.

Travel between home and

the office cannot be counted towards the total, which creates something of a dilemma to many employees who prefer to travel by train to catch up with work when visiting clients, other offices or attending conferences.

Those who did not get their mileage in during the summer months now face early starts in uncertain weather if they are still a long way short of their target. Tom Minting taxation manager at Barclays Financial Services, is advising clients and staff to get their miles in. "If they are not careful they might end up paying 50 per cent more for their car for being one mile short."

Drivers of modest cars with engine capacities of 1401cc to 2,000cc would pay £331.25 extra for failing short on mileage if they were basic rate taxpayers. Higher rate taxpayers would pay £530. The bill would be less if their company cars were more than four years old.

more than four years old.

Two-litre cars would cost an extra £531.25 for a 25 percent taxpayer, and £850 for a 40 per cent payer. Employers also have an interest in encouraging their employees to take to the roads. The driver of a 2,000 for car could cost his employer an extra £221 in national insurance trability if he or she does not exceed



2,500 miles during the year.
Company car drivers with
more expensive models have
most to lose. If their car is
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when new the cost could be
£1,400 plus an extra £286 for
the employer to pay in national insurance contributions.

Those with deluxe cars worth more £29,001 when new and still under four years old would pay £1,780 and land the employer with extrabill of £462.80.

Mr Minting said those with status cars often had most difficulty in getting to the required mileage. He personally is responsible for offices all over the country and has no difficulty in exceeding 2,500 miles.

All drivers of company cars need to keep a detailed record of their business mileage, he said. The running total can also act as a warning if they are not exceeding 200 miles a month. The tax bill has increased over recent years for company cars, but they are

still worth having. A fairly modest car costs £4,000 a year to run and repair. The tax bill is less.

The raxable value of a 1,400cc to 2,000cc car is £2,650. This means that the tax bill for a basic rate taxpayer with one is £662.50. Those drivers who exceed 18,000 miles a year pay half the tax

The Inland Revenue begins to send out assessments in late summer to drivers who pay tax as they earn who are under the mileage limit. The money owing then has to be paid as a lump sum within weeks if the driver does not appeal against it.

Mr Minting said that many bank managers have a few customers well outside their normal area to make sure that they can easily achieve the 2,500 miles. Many other company car drivers increase their mileage in the early spring to meet the

Clive Tulloch, partner at Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte. the accountant, said people who got a company car during the course of a year had a proportionately lower mile age to complete but could still fall short because of poor motoring conditions in the winter months.

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clients of the results of doing the mileage.
"Because it is tax, the importance is magnified in many people's minds and

portance is magnitied in many people's minds and they become determined to get over 2,500 miles." Mr Tulloch, who is the author of the Coopers Deloitte annual company car tax guide, does not have one himself. "I would probably be better off but the partner's scheme is so complicated and I am quite happy with my modest little car." he said.

A further increase in the tax on company cars in this year's Budget could be less likely than in recent years because there may not be enough time to implement any complicated changes before the general election.

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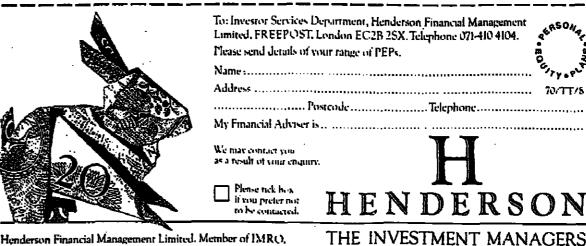
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## New Peps raise slip-up fear

BY SARA MCCONNELL

INVESTORS signing up enthusiastically for the new single-company personal equity plans (Peps) should make sure they do not inadvertently break the rules and open more plans than they are allowed to under the regulations.

Three of the big four clearing banks, with the exception of the Midland, are offering single company Peps through their branches. Stockbrokers and fund managers are also offering the new plans, which



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have been available since January 1. investors can put up to £3.000 a year into a singlecompany Pep, holding the stocks of one company. In addition to this, they can invest up to up to £6,000 in an ordinary Pep holding several stocks, unit trusts or investment trusts.

There is nothing to stop investors holding stock from just one company in a £6.000 ordinary Pep if they want to have E9,000 in the same stock. But investors can only hold one of each sort of Pep in each Pep year. The year runs from April to April.

The confusion could arise because two main sources of single-company Pep are developing. Clearing banks. stockbrokers and fund managers are offering a range of quoted stocks for investors to choose from, and there is flexibility for customers to switch out of one stock into another if they are not pleased with the performance of their first choice.

Most quoted companies are at the same time mailing shareholders with details of their own plans. These are managed by outside plan managers and there is gener-ally little flexibility for switching from one stock to another.



Vine-Lott: deal hopes

Plan managers say that investors who are both shareholders and bank customers could be approached twice by different institutions.

Derek Booker, Pep manager at Lloyds bank, said it was important that investors avoid opening a single-com-pany Pep, offered through a company to its shareholders. and, in the same tax year. opening another single-company Pep with a bank, stock-

broker or fund manager. Justin Urquhart-Stewart, head of customer services at Barclays Stockbrokers. agreed that people could be confused, but said: "The In-

would only incur one £20 charge. Charles Stanley charges a £10 initial fee while Mercury Asset Management charges 3 per cent of the The flexiblity of being

this. We have to register the

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Asset Management, the fund

manager, has a more limited range of 12 quoted stocks to

These plan managers all charge an initial fee for each

plan opened. NatWest's set-

up fee is £30, while Barclays

charges a joining fee of £5

and offers a free copy of "A

Beginner's Guide to Invest-

ment". Lloyds has a fee of £20

per plan per year, but offers the option of investing the

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infringement of the rules allowed to switch stocks at could mean that planholders lose their tax breaks on existany time can get costly for customers who change their Lloyds and NatWest have minds too often. Pep rules prevent stock being trans-ferred directly from one plan both launched plans for to another without being sold Lloyds has a range of 100 first, unless the stock is a new issue like BT partly paid shares, or unless a shareholdquoted stocks, while NatWest Barclays, whose plan will be er is transferring shares from launched next week, allows an approved employee share scheme like save as you earn. This means paying dealing charges every time. broker, allows investment in all shares quoted on the Stock

Selling one stock and buying another at Lloyds would cost 1.65 per cent of the investment on the sale with a minimum charge of £25 and the same to buy the new stock. Customers could cut their costs if they waited until the new bulk buy of stock by the bank, when the dealing charge could be cut to 0.2 per cent. On top of this there is a

£10 administration charge. Dealing by post with Barclays costs 1 per cent, with a minimum of £10, while telephone dealing costs 1.4 per cent, with a minimum £18.

Mercury Asset Manage ment charges a £50 switch fee and a dealing charge of 0.5 per cent for each transaction. Several companies, including Mercury and NatWest, also make annual management charges. Barclays deducts 0.5 per cent of the portfolio, a

minimum charge of £12.50. Those who know which stock they would like to hold or who are already shareholders, will probably find it cheaper to contact the company direct. Bradford & Bingley and CC&P Trustees manage the plans of many blue chip companies. Bardays is hoping to sign deals with about 50 companies this year, Tony Vine-Lott, managing director of Bardays stockbrokers said.

B&B manages the Peps of 52 companies, including Glaxo, ICI and J Sainsbury. and so far has brochures for 37 of these. Initial charges for most company plans are £5 and there is an annual charge of £10. Withdrawals are charged at £10 and closing a plan incurs a charge of £5 olus a further charge of £10. Selling or buying shares costs between plans is not allowed.

Jenny Kynaston, managing director of CC& P, which manages more than 30 plans for companies like Fisher, the Argyll Group and Boots, said that it was possible to transfer from one plan to another. Dealing charges are 0.25 per cent for buying and the same for selling, plus 0.25 per cent.

## Advice easy to find, difficult to choose

By JILL INSLEY

ONE OF the most difficult things to do when choosing an investment is to know where to go for advice. The variety of advisers in the financial services industry may

seem bewildering. Most people would prefer to deal with an independent rather than a "tied" adviser who is restricted to selling the products of only one company. In practice, many people deal with tied advisers. Most building societies and banks are tied to one life

insurance company.
It is questionable whether investors who receive Standard Life contracts through dealing with its tied agent. Halifax Building Society, will be any worse off than those who buy products through an independent financial adviser. However, many tied advis-ers, building societies among them, are only allowed to sell products of less highly rated insurance companies, which have had much poorer perfor-. mances than Standard Life.

Other sources of tied advice include life insurance sales forces and many estate agencies. Even where life insurance salesmen are trading under their own name, they may be tied to selling only one company's products.

If the investor decides to seek independent advice, he or she must still choose between different kinds of adviser. Accountants, solicitors, insurance brokers and Fimbra insurance brokers can all offer independent advice. It is worth bearing in mind the professional background of an adviser to ap-preciate the angle from which he is likely to approach. Ac-

people to give tax advice. Soicitors are most likely to be familiar with wills and inheritance tax planning.

Advisers authorised by Fimbra give advice on life assurance, pensions, unit trusts, personal equity plans, business expansion schemes and shares. Insurance brokers, registered with the In-surance Brokers Registration Council, can also advise on a

#### The most basic check is that the adviser is authorised by the appropriate regulatory body'

wide range of life insurance and investment products but tend to derive a large proportion of their business from general insurance.

Accountants and solicitors generally need to be paid by the hour - irrespective of whether the investor acts on their advice and takes out a financial product. Merely talking to most life insurance advisers will cost nothing. Nearly all are on commission.

This is an important point to bear in mind. Even if the investor cannot afford any further investment, there could be a temptation for an adviser paid on commission to recommend a purchase.

Choosing between independent tied advice and different types of adviser is, in some ways, easier than selecting a particular firm.

The most basic check is to make sure the adviser is authorised by the appropriate. regulatory body - for example, most independent financial advisers are regulated by Fimbra, tied life insurance salesmen by Lautro, and accountants by the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Like any other group of people, however, insurance advisers and accountants valy in quality. Membership of a regulatory body is a minimum requirement and does not guarantee good ad-

The best guide to the quali-ty of an adviser is reputation. nvestors should ask relatives. friends or colleagues.

Tony Murrell of Fraser Marr, an independent financial adviser, says investors should be prepared to obtain references from their adviser's bank, from other dients and from the insurance and investment companies with which the adviser deals. They should check to see if the firm is authorised to handle dients' money.

The Consumers Association says the questions asked of the investor by the adviser are equally revealing. Jean Eaglesham, of the association, says: "Some advisers will do a proper fact find, assessing your existing insurance and investment, your risk tolerance, whether you have a family and/or other commitments. Others will skim over that and plunge straight into selling you a product."

She warns investors to beware of investment jargon and to ask about anything they do not understand.



## Portfolio

missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 29).

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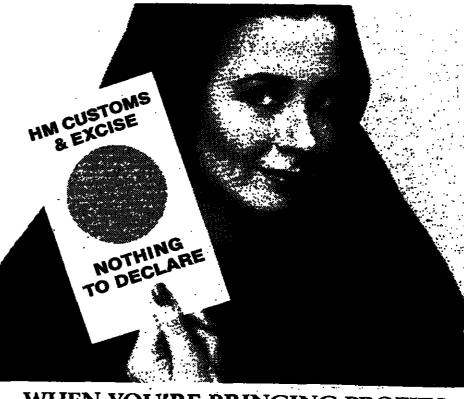
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## 'Infallible' BT Chargecard was misused

From C.J. Youldon

Sir, I was interested to read Mr I. Baird's letter (Weekend Money, January 11) in which he warned readers of the problems he experienced with a BT Chargecard, because we have had similar problems. In December 1990 we received our quarterly phone bill, which I failed to check in detail because the total was similar to previous bills, and I did not realise that it included £165 of Chargecard calls which we had not made. On February 25, 1991, whilst on holiday in Florida, my wife's handbag was stolen, whereupon I immediately phoned Cardwise, who cancelled all

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her cards, including, fortu- 25 were cancelled and after 3 nately, the Chargecard, although at the time she did not

have it with her.
Our next bill, in March 1991, included Chargecard calls to the value of £400 which we had not made. We were told that BT could not be responsible in any way and that the system was infallible.

We had now lost £565 but I was somewhat surprised to receive a bill in June 1990 with £1,061 included for Chargecard calls. Over £560 of these calls were made after February 23 but also £213 were for calls made in 1990! Once again I contacted BT. All calls made after February

months of aggravation we at last obtained a credit for 90% of the Chargecard calls. I would strongly advise anyone who has a BT Chargecard to cancel it immediately to avoid the possibility of having a repeat of our problems. We have just received our December 1991 bill with a total of £29 for Chargecard calls made since May. Still, I must rest assured that the BT system is infallible.

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Yours faithfully, C.J. YOULDON, Managing Director, Youldon Holdings Ltd. South Road Templefields.

#### Inflated salaries cost pension funds

From Mr C.P. Pountney Sir, It was reported (January 3) that 180 pension salesmen

each of "at least 10 years experience" will earn on aver-age £50,000 per year with possible shareholdings each of £150,000 after three years and £300,000 after five years. That is a total of £99 million with no rises after five years. abstracted from pension

contributions. Pension funds are made attractive by tax relief incentives therefore the government is responsible for these inflated salary levels to a non-

any wonder that our country is losing out in the essential areas of science, engineering, research and development? However, it supports the Watkins (a former boss of mine) theory that the nearer a profession is to the money the higher the return. Scientists and engineers being at some distance when compared with accountants, liquidators, pension salesmen etc.

Yours faithfully, COLIN P. POUNTNEY, 112 High Street, Broughton, Kettering.

LETTERS



#### Trying times for globe-trotter

From B. Young Sir, As a house owning globetrotting creditworthy high earner who has qualified for the Co-op gold card I was a bit disappointed to find there are only 15 calendar days between the statement date and due date, which could be a bit difficult if the statement arrives just after the start of one of my lengthy high-powered business trips or ex-

otic holidays. Worse, though, is the continuing need to pay the account so much earlier every month: Barclaycard may cost £8 per year but it gives 25 days to pay instead of 15 at the Co-op, which means Barclaycard is actually cheaper for anyone with an average monthly bill over £350 (if they

are investing the unpaid-asyet money at 7%). However one's deepest

sympathy should be reserved for the 50% of new Gold Card customers unlucky enough to be on the Co-op's payment cycle 14, whose latest statements would have been dated December 19, dispatched on December 21, delivered (perhaps) on December 23, and requiring payment January 3. Between December 23 and January 3 there were only 6 working days. But what does it say on the back of the statement? "Allow 7 working days for your payment to

Yours faithfully, B. YOUNG,

#### Registrars at fault

From Mr B. Whittingham

Sir. Now that a critical spotlight has been focused (by Mrs K. M. Watt, January 11) on company registrars, may I draw attention to certain other problems?

Not infrequently we receive a cash dividend after carefully sending a scrip dividend election form to the registrar concerned. Naturally there is no redress and the postal services can be blamed. Possibly one should incut the expense of the recorded delivery service. Some registrars ask for sight of powers of attorney which have already been registered by them previously - on one occasion in respect of the same stock.

In recent months we have received share certificates in open envelopes, where the flap had neither been stuck down nor tucked in. So far two major banks have been at fault in this regard. My complaint is based on the fact that it is market practice to send certificates at shareholders' risk, and then registrars demand around £20 to replace a lost certificate (based upon administration costs and a premium for an insurance indemnity, lest the original should be produced by some third party).

Yours faithfully, BRIAN WHITTINGHAM, 8 Alicard Close, Horsham, West Sussex.

#### Tax on one earner families unfair

From Mrs Anna Lines ;

Sir. The campaigners for tax relief on childcare (Weekend Money, Jan 11) ignore the present fiscal discrimination against one-earner families with dependent children.

Such families, usually with very young children or raising an above average number of children, already pay proportionately more tax than two-earner couples (who may be childless). This is because they can normally claim only l'2 tax allowance as against 2 allowances for the latter. Although every non-employ-ed wife is entitled to a personal allowance of £3,295 p.a., she may not transfer any part of it to her husband, increasing the tax allowance to the family as a unit and thus boosting net income.

Some of these families may. have to get by on one income through necessity (e.g. lack of employment possibilities or the care of elderly relatives),

but the vast majority do so because they feel that children's and society's interests are better served by a full-time parerital presence at home than by the vagaries of third

party childcare. If the Treasury is able to find £200 million to be spent on "childcare", the fairest way to distribute this money would be to add it to Child Benefit or to reintroduce a

eatistic child tax allowance. All those with dependent children hear costs and responsibilities not borne by the childless and those whose children have grown up. How our children are cared for is a private matter, but it would be a blatant injustice to expect already unfairly taxed one-earner families to subsidise the third party childcare costs of two-earner families.

Yours faithfully. ANNATINES, Full Time Mothers, 57 Oakley Street, SW3.

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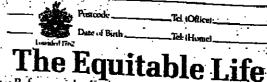
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## The forehand that fired an Australian debate

By Andrew Longmore

To multi-segment the forehand or not to multi-segment the forehand? That is the question at the heart of a fierce debate on the state of Australian tennis, which has been prompted by the fact that, for the first time since the ATP computer began in 1974. no Australian was ranked in the top 50 at the

end of last year. For the uninitiated, the multi-segmented forehand is a topspin forehand used by the majority of European clay-courters. It is essentialy a defensive, bread-andbutter stroke, and, much to the disgust of many of the old-timers here, it is all the rage in Australia's coaching hierarchy at the moment.

Ken Rosewall or John Me-Enroe the multi-segmented forehand, they would never have been players at all," John Alexander, the former Australian Davis Cup player. said.

The multi-segmented forehand, hitherto known as the MSF, is the brainchild of Dennis Colette, a former schoolteacher who has risen with surprising speed to the key position of national director of coaching for Tennis Australia. Colette's theory is that Australian players must discard the old-fashioned methods that produced so many champions in the halcyon days of grass courts and adopt techniques more suited to the hard courts and clay courts of today's tour. The MSF, which is termed

"multi-segmented" because the body movement and weight transference are made in separate sections. not all in one movement, is regarded by Colette as the essential tool of the trade.

Colette developed his ideas on the MSF from studying videos and photographs of players like Bjorn Borg, Guillermo Vilas and Ivan Lendl. and from his own experience of bio-mechanics. But what has outraged a host of great Australian champions, such as Fred Stolle and Tony Roche. is the compulsory incorporation of the MSF into the coaching courses run by Tennis Australia. All its officially recognised top-grade coaches have to be able to teach the MSF. To many, it smacks of indoctrination.

"All players are taught the multi-segmented forehand." Kirrily Sharpe, a young Australian who has reached the third round of the Open.

'Nearly all tennis is improvisation. There is no perlect way to hit a tennis ball." Alexander said. "Britain has suffered for years from overcoaching and the last generation of our players have been over-coached." The debate on the MSF is

part of a wider discussion about the decline of Australian tennis and the role of former players in trying to arrest it. One of the recommendations in a recent report by the Australian Sports Commission was that more present and former internationals should be included in the coaching set-up.

time for the scientific approach epitomised by the MSF and Colette, who was never a professional player himself. It is what you do on the court that matters, they say, and only players can understand that.

Deter McNamara, another former Davis L Cup player, questioned whether Colette has the experience to coach the next generation of Austra-lians: "He might think he knows how to hit a particular forehand, but he doesn't know how to win a point at 30-40, 4-4. The guy is trying to put technique above play-ing tennis. That's the sorry story of the current results. By British standards, the

results are not so sorry -

of the Davis Cup just over a year ago and have three players in the top 100 - but a nation brought up on the exploits of Rosewall, Hoad, Laver and Emerson will not accept the inadequacies of the present generation, particularly when Australian teams dominate the world in both rugby codes and crick-

One of the criticisms levelled at the tennis authorities is that they have let too many top-class coaches -Ian Barclay, Geoff Masters. Phil Dent, Tony Roche and Bob Brett — go abroad. Ray Ruffels. coach of one of the elite squads and pioneer of the tennis programme at the Australian Institute of Sport, feels much of the criticism is unfair. Australians.

Yet most of them have little Australia reached the final he feels, are just suspicious of new ideas.

"Everywhere else in the world, it is understood that coaching must be more sophisticated, using science to develop techniques and identify talent," he said. The multi-segmented forehand is part of what coaches must learn. It doesn't mean that everyone must use it."

The other reasons cited for the dearth of Australian champions are depressingly familiar to British ears: different attitudes, changing patterns of leisure, lack of promotion in the inner cities, shortage of numbers at grass-roots level, problems in turning promising juniors into productive seniors. Perhaps our players, too, should segments.



Hoad: casting a shadow

Meeting of former Wimbledon champions produces a surprise in the third round of the Australian Open

## McEnroe reserves his best for Becker

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

The problem for McEnroe

PERHAPS only John Mc-Enroe himself still believed yesterday that he could summon one last fanfare from the battered old trumpet of his career. Others listened to his optimistic notes and shook their heads in sadness, sure that, at almost 33, the virtuosity had gone forever and that

the end was nigh.

Yet, ironically, at the very moment he confounded the doubters with a devastating 6-4, 6-3, 7-5 victory in the Australian Open over the defending champion, Boris Becker, his first against the German since 1985. Mc-Enroe inched one small step closer to retirement.

Earlier in the week, he had said he would probably retire on the spot if he ever realised his dream of winning another grand slam title and, in the aftermath of his best win since the last of his seven titles, at the US Open in 1984, he was unrepentant. "I would still consider retiring if I won this, but I will be more than happy to worry about it when the time comes," he

certainly null out of the Brit-

ish tennis team for the Olym-

pic Games, even though he

was nominated yesterday by

the captain. Tony Pickard

(Andrew Longmore writes).

Under the new rules for

Olympic selection, based on

computer rankings, the Brit-

ish No. I will have to qualify

to get into the main draw at

Barcelona and, on clay, his

least favourite surface, he is

not sure it is worth the effort.

now is that, beginning with his fourth-round match against Emilio Sánchez, the No. 13 seed, life will get harder and the adrenalin might not flow quite as freely as it did for two hours 32 minutes against the No. 3 seed.

McEnroe will blink into the light of day, bask a little in the ory and realise he has not vet reached halfway. But, even if the ultimate

prize eludes him again, everyone inside the centre court at Flinders Park will remember a cool January night when they saw the real McEnroe, not the pastiche character who left the same court in disgrace two years earlier, intimidate and destroy arguably the most complete player in the world with not so much as one query or one word out of place. Becker, who now drops out of the top five in the world for the first time since 1988, was one of many who could not believe their eyes.

"I knew he could play well for one set, maybe a set and a half, but he played the whole

countries in the world group

of the Davis Cup, which this

year includes Britain, were

allowed two players in the

main draw. "It is disappoint-

ing they have changed the

procedure because they have

turned the Olympics into

another tour event." Bates

TEAM: Men's singles: J Bates, A Castle, C Willinson Reserve: M Petchey Doubles: Bates and N Broad Women's singles: J Dune, M. Javer, S Smith Reserve: C Wood Doubles: Dune and Wood

Bates is likely to pull

out of Olympic team

JEREMY Bates will almost For the Seoul Olympics, all

gave me no time to breathe. He played his old way."

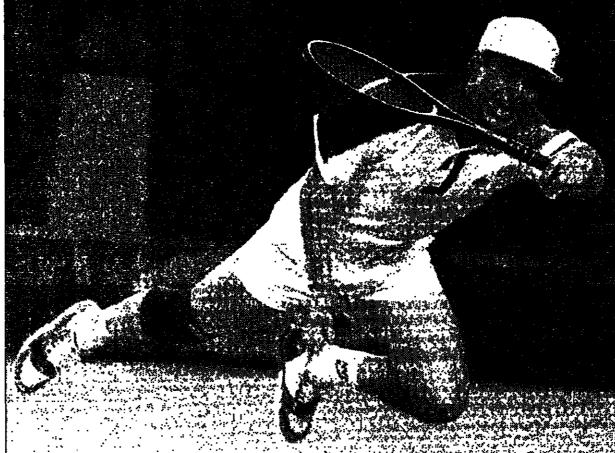
With the encouragement of his new coach. Larry Stefanky, McEnroe has returned to taking the ball early, to playing his game, come what may. Given that Becker had served 25 aces in the first round, it was an outrageous ploy, but it worked perfectly. Time and again, the American jumped on Becker's second serve and charged to the net, time and again Becker flinched at the indignity of it all. Rarely can his serve have been treated with such disdain. rarely can he have found himself so off balance. and so rushed for so long.

"For once I felt I was in control, not reacting to what he did the whole time," Mc-Enroe said. "It was like that all the time when I was No. 1. I should have gone back to playing my own way a long

time ago."
The first inkling that something unusual was afoot came in the eighth game of the second set. Becker was immediately broken as McEnroe. his racket strung so loosely the ball seemed to sink forever into it, kept Becker on the back foot. Becker searched for inspiration from his new girlfriend at counside and cajoled himself without effect. After one hour 37 minutes. McEnroe led by two sets.

The third set was classic. impossible drama. McEnroe broke again to 2-1. Becker broke back and, at 4-4, saved three break points with two brilliant second serves, an ace and a service winner. At 5-5 he desperately saved another four until McEnroe made the final breakthrough and finished it off with two aces. Not even Becker could have

matched that ending.



Flinders flyer: McEnroe takes off to return a smash from Becker at Flinders Park yesterday

Men's singles

THIRD ROUND: O Camporese (t) bt L. Wahlgren (Swe), 6-4, 6-2, 7-6: D Wheaton (US) bt L. Koslowski (Ger), 6-4, 6-3, 6-3; A. Chesnokov (Fussia) bt P McErroe (US), 6-4, 1-6, 1-6, 8-1, 6-3; W Ferretra (SA) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; I.Lendi (C2) bt M Zoecke (Ger), 6-4, 6-4, 7-6; Sanchez (Sp) bt M Schapers (Neth), 6-3, 5-4, 7-6; S Edberg (Swe) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 7-5, 5-1, 6-4, J McErroe (US) bt B Becker (Ger), 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

Partnersk-regerrer (US), 6-0, 7-5; C Merti-nez (Sp) bt R White (US), 7-5, 6-0; L Sevechenko-Neitand (Latvia) bt K Po (US), 6-2, 2-6, 6-1; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt A Stradova (Cz), 1-8, 6-0, 6-3. Men's doubles

Woodforde (Aus), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; I.Lendi (C2) bit M Zenckie (Ger), 6-4, 6-4, 7-6; E Schortez (Spi) bit M Schapers (Neth), 6-3, 6-4, 7-6; S Ebberg (Swe) bit J Fitzgerald (Aus), 7-5, 6-1, 6-4, J McErroe (US) bit B Becker (Ger), 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

THIRD ROUND: M Seles (Yug) bit Y Basukia (Indo), 6-1, 6-1; M Materve-Fragmère (Swrtz) bit J Whitlinger (US), 6-3, 6-1; A Respect and J Stementhic (Neth), 6-2, 6-1; N Movatina (C2) bit Fang Li (Ctans), 6-4, 6-2; K Jones and R Leach (US) bit P Rafter and P Tramacchi (Aus), 6-4, 6-2; L Jonsen (US) and L Warder (Aus), bit P

T Nijesen (Neth) and C Suk (C2) bt A Gómaz (Ec) and J Sénchez (Sp.) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; J Eagle and G Doyle (Aus) bt J Morgan and S Sholle (Aus), 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; R Balthman and R Bergh (Swe) bt C Miniusei (Arg) and M Rossel (Switz), 7-6, 7-5,

Women's doubles

SECOND ROUND: P Fendick and G Fernandez (US) bt M Babel and B Rittner (Ger.), 8-0, 6-3; P Shriver (US) and N Zvereva (Russele) bt S Stafford and M Werdel (US), 7-5, 6-4; C Kohde-Kásch (Ger) and J Wiesner (Austra) bt L Harvey-Wild (US) and E Pfaff (Ger.), 5-7, 6-2, 6-1; L McNell (US) and N Provs (Aus) bt A Hrose and Y Kamo (Lapan), 6-2, 6-4, K Adams (US) and M Bollogral (Neth) bt B Borneo (GB) and K-A Gusse (Aus), 6-2, 6-2;

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Mixed doubles

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BOXING

#### **Mystery** man lies in wait

By SRIKUMAR SEN OXING CORRESPONDENT

FOR the first time in his career. Colin McMillan is going into an important contest, tonight at the Albert Hall, without knowing anything about his opponent's style. Like all top boxers in the world, McMillan likes to study videos of the man he is going to face, but this time no video was available of Percy Commey, of Ghana, his opponent for the vacant Commonwealth featherweight

Apart from the fact that Commey used to be Azumah Nelson's sparring partner, stands 5ft 9in (tall for a featherweight) and can "bang a bit" with the right hand, there are no clues to his style. Commey, aged 32, has had 31 contests, of which he has won 29, and is boxing for the

first time outside Africa. If the lack of information has caused concern to Me-Millan's adviser, Jonathan Rendall, and trainer, Howard Rainey, the British champion himself is not bothered. In fact he is rather relishing the prospect of having to extemporise. McMillan has faced such a variety of sparring partners in the gym that he is confident he can find an answer to the African's style when the bell goes.

But, for the first time since he met Aldrich Johnson, of Trinidad, at Crystal Palace in 1988, he may have to go in and fight McMillan likes to box from outside, picking his man off and moving out of harm's way with clever footwork, but if he is forced to go inside, we could find out whether he has the heart and chin to match his exciting boxing skills.

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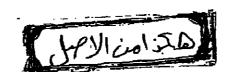
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Switzerland dominate first men's downhill on the Hahnenkamm

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## Heinzer shows golden form

FROM DAVID POWELL IN KITZBÜHEL

AUSTRIA had a Sheffield Wednesday sort of day yesterday. They took a thrashing at home from their near neighbours and rivals.

Led by Franz Heinzer, the Swiss team monopolised the top three places in the World Cup downhill, and they are waiting to prod the bruise today.

In the first of two races on

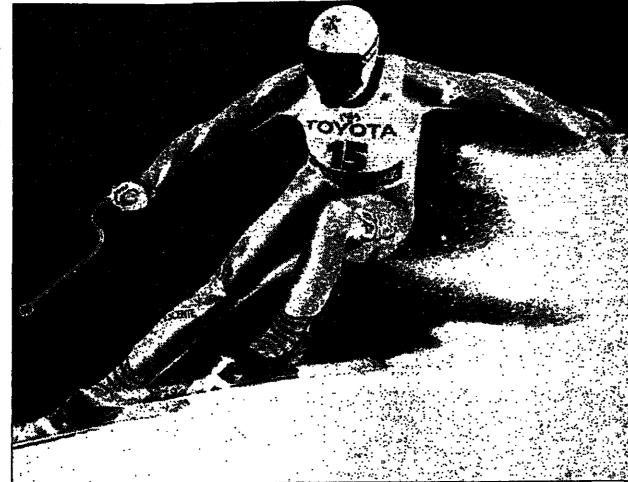
the Hahnenkamm on successive days — yesterday's was to make up for a cancelled World Cup downhill in St Anton, today's is the official Kitzbühel downhill — Heinzer confirmed his status as the favourite for the Olympic gold medal on La Face piste next month.

Aged 29, he has found success late in his skiing life. His record had been nothing special until last year, when in his tenth season, he became World Cup and world downhill champion. There seems no stopping him now.
"I wanted to win here to

consolidate my confidence three weeks before the Olympics," Heinzer said. "It will be easier for me to take risks on the La Face piste now that I know precisely where my lim-

The Swiss supporters had much to ring their cowbells for, as Xavier Gigandet, Daniel Mahrer and Heinzer each. in turn, beat the ten-year-old Strief piste record. That was the final insult the record had belonged to Harti Weirather, an Austrian.

The notoriously difficult Hahnenkamm has become part of World Cup legend. But while five of the top 15 seeds failed to finish in Garmisch-Partenkirchen last weekend, all got down here.



Taking it to the edge: Heinzer on his way to his second victory on the Hahnenkamm yesterday

The Hahnenkamm, where competition has been held since 1930, seems to be going soft in its old age.

No doubt mindful of the casualties in Garmisch. where two leading racers had their season ended, the turns were set less severely than in the past. Heinzer took 1 min 56.68sec, compared with Wierather's 1:57.20 record. "I am proud to have set the record; it gives special mean-

ing to this win." Heinzer said. Heinzer has been in the forefront of the Swiss team's recovery, a quiet man getting on with his job. His preparation is thorough to the point of mentally rehearsing each of his races 20 times before

going for the real thing. Today he can become the first skier since Franz Klammer in 1977 to win three successive races on the Hahnenkamm, and he will

presumably keep to his new skis, six centimetres shorter than normal, worn for the first time yesterday. "They helped me to be aggressive at the turns," he said.

Ronald Duncan provided Britain with a rare day on the World Cup scoreboard. The first 30 earned points and he was 28th. Only a loss of form in the closing stages prevented him from finishing in the

RESULT: 1, F Heinzer (Switz), 1min S658esc; 2, D Mahrer (Switz), 156.94; 3, X Gigandet (Switz), 157.04; 4, L Amesen (Nor), 157.02; 5, W Besse (Switz), 157.22; 7, G Mader (Austria), 157.24; 8, J-E Thorsen (Nor), 157.42; 8, F Cotturi (t), 157.64; 10, P Orilleb (Austria), 157.74; British placing: 28, R Duncan, 159.92; DownHill standarge: 1, Heinzer, 31.2012; 2, A J-Ett (J-S), 217; 3, Orilleb, 212; 4, L Stock (Austria), 191; equal 5, Mehrer and Gigandet, 182. Overall World Cup standings: 1, P-Acolis (Switz), 398; 2, A Tombe (f), 850; 3, M Girardell (Lm), 477; 4, O-C Funuseth (Nor), 471; 5, F-C Jegoge (Nor), 382; 8, F Heinzer (Switz), 352; Nestions Cup standings (man and women); 1, Switzeriand, 4983; 2, Austria, 4,820; 3, Italy, 3,552; 4, Germany,

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

## Leeds attempt to renew title challenge

By Keith Macklin

THE rehabilitation of Leeds after their collapse in the Regal Trophy final against Widnes last Saturday begins in the Stones Bitter championship at Salford today. The sides met in the Regal Trophy semi-final, with the Yorkshiremen pulling away to win after Salford had set up an early lead. Leeds, who now regard the

month as a matter of urgency, cannot possibly play as badly again as they did in last week's flop at Wigan. At least, that is the opinion of their coach, Doug Laughton, and if the men from Headingley can rediscover the form that took them to the Trophy final and to the top of the first division last month, they can renew their championship challenge and rebuild confi-

dence for a tilt at the Silk Cut

with the tie against Bramley, of the third division, at Elland Road next Tuesday. In tomorrow's matches,

Wigan expect to have their captain, Dean Bell, back in the squad after his rib cartilage injury. They visit Halifax, whose erratic form this season cannot encourage their supporters to think they can overturn Wigan, the champions, who seem back on course for a third succesrecovered from the loss of Hanley to Leeds. Offiah, having at last

scored his first try of the season last week, will be looking for more at Thrum Hall, but the Wigan coach, John Monie, is at pains to point out that Wigan are essentially a team and no special effort will highly-successful game plan. St Helens, who face a

next Wednesday into the alleged brawl against Featherstone Rovers, attempt to maintain their own championship challenge at home to Wakefield Trimity. Widnes, who seemed to have returned to their best form against Leeds last Saturday, are at home to the disappointing Offiah if it conflicts with their the championship hopefuls at the start of the season, but which is now adrift in the

#### return of Ellery Hanley next Challenge Cup, which begins sive title now that they have board of directors' enquiry lower reaches of the table. GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

#### **FOOTBALL**

Barclays League Aston Villa v Sheffield Wed Leads Utd v C Palace...... Luton v West Ham (all ticket)..... Manchester C v Coventry ... Notes Co v Manchester Utd. 

mbledon v Chelses Barnsley v Plymouth .... Bristol C v Southend.... Leicester C v Swindon

Wolverhampton v Walford .....

Third division Stockport v Darlington ......

Fourth division Halifax v Scunthorpe ...... Hereford v Blackpool ..... Mardstone v Northampion. Walsali v Cardiff ... ....

GM Vauxhall Conference Allmocham v Farnborough ... ... . Stafford v Welling..... Yeovil v Witton....

B and Q Scottish League Premier division

line v Celtic ..... Falkirk v Aberdeen... ... ....... ... Hibernian v St Johnstone ..... Rangers v Motherwell

First division Clydebank v Raith R. ... ........... Fortar v Dundee ...... Kilmarnock v Hamillon ..... Meadowbank v Partick ......

Alloa v Arbroath...... Berwick v Cowdenbeath (2.0) ...... Brechin v Albion R ...... est Fife v Dumbarion Queen of South v Queen's Park.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Arsenal v Reading, Southempton v Swin-

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION:
Arsenal v Reading, Southempton v Swindom (2 0)
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division:
Aylesbury v Begnor, Bearngstoke v Bromley, Bishop's Stortford v Enfield:
Dagenham v Windsor and Eton, Grays v Hayes: Harrow v Wordsor and Eton, Grays v Hayes: Harrow v Wordsor, Wording Harris, Marlow v Kingstonian, SI Albans v Carshallon; Sution Umited v Wivenhoe: Wolong v Kingstonian, SI Albans v Carshallon; Sution Umited v Wivenhoe: Wolong v Chesham First division: Abrogdon Town v Heybridge; Aveley v Dulwich, Boreham Wood v Leyton-Wingate, Croydon v Barlung, Dorking v Sievenage Borough, Harlow v Challont St Peter, Hitchin v Maddenhead United: Tooling and Milcham v Whyteleafe, Wembley v Librordge, Yeadong v Molesey Second division: Barton v Worthing; Egham v Harefield, Hemel Hempstead v Newbury, Leatherhead v Ware, Prifeet v Berkhamsted, Rurstip Manor v Witham, Saffron Walden v Banstead Third division: Bracknet v Heritord, Clapton v Roder, Horstem v Ting, Petersfield v Coller Row; Royston v Coverson: Accmiglion v Hyde, Buston v Chorley, Emley v Manne; Frichley v Ficerwood: Hownort v Shepshed, Hyde v Mallock, Leek v Droyssden, Morecambe v Bangor Chy, Southport v Beshop Auchand Stalyondge v Massley First division: Accmiglion v Bridgiston, Newtown v Netherheid, Radcitiffe Borough v Cemerion, Rinyl v Lancaster; Rossendale v Wirislond Warnington v Bridgiston v Bridgiston v Bashop Auchands Stalyondge v Fisher, Cheimstond v Cambridge, Gravesend and Northilber v Burton, Halesowen v Poole, Modland division: Bashley v Caroley, Materioovale v Bartford, Wealdstone v Corby Middland division: Barty v Solinibi Borough; Pedworth v Hincke / Town, Biston v Heddiston, Berowdh v Stouthendge RC Warwick v Tarnworth, Rushden v Sutton Coldified Southern Rushder v Sutton Co

FOOTBALL Barclays League First division

Everton v Nottingham F (3.25) BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE. Premier division: Worcester v Dorchester
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND:
Pramier division (2.30) diray Wandorers
v Sharnock, Derry v Galway (3.30).
Drogheda v Bohermans, Siego v Athlone:
St Patrok a Ath v Cork City
WOMEN'S FA: Premier division:
Knowskey Umited v Igawich Town Milkwall
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Southampton v Dorcaster Belles.
Wimbledon v Maidstone Tigressos.

RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIF First division: Castleford v Bradfor (8 15), Halitax v Wigan (3 0), Hull KR Featherstone (3.0), St Heliens v Wakehek Featherstone (3.0), St Heter's v wavened (3.0), Warnington v Swinton (3.0); Widnes v Hull (3.0), Second division: Carksle v Shoffield (2.0), London Crissaders v Rochdale (3.0), Ryedele-York v Working-ton (3.15), Third division: Barrow v Nottingham (2.30); Bramley v Scar-borough Pirates (1.0); Chorley v Keghtley (3.0), Devesbury v Trafford (2.15), Don-caster v Highfield (3.0), Whitehaven v BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Second round: Lock Lane v London Colonida

RUGBY UNION B International Spain B v England B (Madrid, 1.0). NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Langley Park Weltare v Essington Col-liery, Newcastle Blue Star v Conspit Poterice Newtown v Billingham Synthon-ia: Seaham Red Star v Gussborough; Tow West Auckland: Witschann ia: Seaham Red Star v Guisborough; Tow Law v West Auckland; Whitchtam v Northallerton, Whitiby v Brandon BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherion LR v Ashlon Uid, Bootle v Great Harwood; Gradford Park Avenue v Nantwich; Chiterice v Blackpoof Rovers; Fishton v Si Helens, Mame Road (Manchester) v Skelmersdale, Precol v Bacup; Vaundal GM v Darwen, Lamot Pils Trophy: Atherton Colleries v Glossop, Blackpool Mechanics v Kidsgrove; Castleton Ga Atherton Collevies v Glossop, Blackpool Mechanics v Kidsgrove; Casileton Gebreits v Formby, Chadderton v Westhoughton, Cheadle v Ashton, Saltord v Olicham Town.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armitrope Welfare v Ossett Town, Eccleshif v North Fernby, Liversedge v Malitby MW Ossett Albon v Sheffield, Pontetract Collemes v Thorskiew, Wildleton, Brongers v.

Aldon V Shelled, Politeriat Coneres V Thackley, Winterton Rangers v Glasshoughton Welfare GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-

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TSB HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Brora Rangers v Fort William. Bucker Thistle v
Fraserburgh, Cove Rangers v Deverorsile. Hunthy v Forres Mechanics;
Peterhaad v Keith

vale. Huntry v Fores Mechanics; Poterhand v Keith 
ABACUS LEAGUE: National division: 
Abergaverny v Caldroot, Abergaverny v Caldroot, Abergaverny v Caldroot, Abergstwyth v 
Alan Lido, Brecon v Bindgend, Binton Ferry v Ton Fentre, Cwmbran v Inter 
Cardiff, Maesteg v Ferndale 
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: 
First division: Arsenal v Southend, 
Cambridge United v Chelsee, Futham v 
Warford, Gillangham v Portsmouth, Leyton 
Ornent v Norwich, Queen's Park Rangers v 
Millwell, Tottenham v Ipowich, West Ham v 
Charlton Second division: Aldershot v 
Tottenham, Bournemouth v Luton, Binstot 
City v Brentford, Crystal Palace v Bristot 
Rovers, Madistone v Brighton, Reading v 
Wirnbledon: Southampton v Swindon 
FA VASE: Fourth round: Dunston FB v 
Guiseley, Bing v Barriber Bridge, 
Newcastle Town v Grestley, Burscough v 
Esstwood Hanlay, Chesterle-Street v 
knowsley, Edgware v Welton, Sitting-

vision: Old Carthusians v Old Cholmelatans; Lancing OB v Old Reptonians; Old Malvemans v Old Foresters First division: Old Ardinitians v Old Wylehamists; Old Bradfieldians v Old Westministers; Old Westministers; Old Westministers; Old Westministers; Old Wellingburians v Old Statement

**RUGBY UNION** Five nations' championship Ireland v Wales (Lansdowne Road.

Scotland v England (Murrayfield, 20)..... Club matches

Cambridge U v Durham U (12.0)... Edinburgh Acad v L Scottish (10.30) Gala v Northampton (10.0) Glamorgan W v L Weish (12.0).... Headingley v Harrogate (2.30).... Leicester v Bedford... Newbridge v Coventry (12:30) Newcastle G v Hawick (12:0) Newcastle G v Hawick (12 0)... Nuneaton v Loughborough U (12 0)... Orrell v Sale (2:30)... Rosslyn Park v Moseley (12:0)... Flugby v Askeans (12 0)... Saracens v Harlequins (11:30)... Selkirk v Kendal (10:30)... Watsonians v Northern (11:0)...

RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSH First division: Saltord v Leeds (2.45). First division: Saftord v Leeds (2.45). BINFL NATIONAL CUP: Second round: Crofton v Mation Dudloy Hill v Folly Lane, Heworth v Orzell St James, Panthers v Egyemont, St Patrick's v St Jude's, Leigh MW v Askam, Leigh East v Prestwich; Woolston v Prince of Wales Obsett Trinsty v Barrow Island, Mayfield v Runcom, Saddieworth v Pylands's Soaton v Millord, East Leeds v Irlam Hornets Greenland AR

#### TOMORROW

BASKETBALL DASTRE I BALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Sunderland Saints v Hemel Hempstead Royals. Second division:
Brozbourne v Coventry Flyers Candil
brocaneers v Walford Robels, Middlesbrough Mortawks v Broton Topcats
Women: Second division: Milton Keynes
O Cats v King's Lynn Phoenix.

NATWEST TROPHY: Final: Kingslon v
Lexceler (National Indoor Arena,
Birmingham) MATIONAL CUP. Women's quarter-final: Northampton y Nothingham

HOCKEY PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Slough v St. Albams (Werham School, 4 0) Lyons v Bournylle (vale Farm, Sudbury, 2-30) Second division: Brean v Sutblam (King Alfred's School, Highbridge 12 0). BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL IN-DOOR TOURNAMENT (Cocks Moors Wood LC, 9-30). Finat 4 0.

Wood CJ, 9 30; Finat: 40
AEWHA CUP: Fourth round: Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead v Loicester
Cheam v FP Striton Coldinatic Chelmstord
Eastboole, Calfon v Burry St Edmunds,
Crimson Ramblers v Million Keynes, Crimson Rambiers v Maiton Reynes,
Doncaster v Eating Lillington v Stucharts;
Liverpool v East Glos, Loughborough v
Boumenouth and Parkstone, Citton v
Highlown, Portsmouth v Havant, St
Albans v Great Harwood, Saracons v
Vimbledon Slough v loswich; Swindon v

ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division: Cheimsford Chiefs v Oxford Chy Stars, Modway Bears v Haringoy Racers; Soli-rull Barans v Sheffield Stoelers; Streatnam Redpions v Solent Villings

TABLE TENNIS

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division;
NFD Grove v Bath, Team Paniel v Yugo
Cars: Ellenborough v Sr Neots, First
division south: Horstain Dolphins v
Launcestan, Pontypool v Ellenborough;
Cardiff v Bath: Grove v Larkhall First
division north: Walkingborough v
Liverpool, Vymura v Grove, Norwich v
Lincoln

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division:
Bullingham Bombers v Munayheld Racers;
Durham Wasps v Ayr Radders, NormochPeterboro Pirates v Cardiff Devils, Whatley
Warnors v Nothingham Panthers. First
division: Basingstoke Beavers v Blackbum Blackhawis, Lee Valley Long v
Trafford Metros, Romford Radders v Fide
Ryers: Telford Tigers v Swindon
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OTHER SPORT CYCLO-CROSS. South Western RC (Shritey Hils, Croydon, 2.0). Wolver-hampton Wheelers (Aldersley Stadium, 10), CC Abergavenny (Glasbury on-Wye, 1130) Salisbury RC (Timbury, 12.0)

SQUASH RACKETS: Fight for Sight

BASKETBALL

v Queen's, Dewsbury Ceitic v St Bedes Slacksmiths v Shaw Cross; Ram v Wes Hull; Keighley Albion v Quiton; Kirkholt v Beverley; St Nicholas Arms v Moldigreen Dalton v Welney Central.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Birmargham Builets v Cheekire
Jets. Manchester Giants v Derby Buelsa;

Thames Valley Tigers v London Toway.

Second division: Barnsley Generals v
Oldnam Celtics; Bury Lobos v Doncaster
Eggles, Plymouth Raiders v Greenwich.

Third division: Calderdate Explorers v
Md Sussex Megic, Lelcester Falcons v
Chittern Fastbreak, Sheffleld v Solent
Stara; Stevenage Phoenix v North
London, Swindon Sonics v Sadgefield
Racers Women: Second division:
Cheshire v South Tyneside, Doncaster v
Northempton Bisers. Northempton 85ers.
Northempton 85ers.
NATIONAL CUP: Women; Quarter-finals: London YMCA v Mitton Keynes; Sheffield v Laicester; Thames Valley v Hamel Hempstead.

BOWLS

HAVEN-COMMERCIAL UNION INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Slith round: Wey Valley v Cyphers, Angel v East Dorsel Gateshead v Dadriggton: Black-pool Borough v Nottingham; Brackley v Colswold. British Celloghane v Torbay; March GER v Kingsthorpe; "North Walsham v Ipswich.

HOCKEY

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BIRIMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL INDOOR TOURNAMENT (Cocks Moors
Wood LC): Harborne v Mensleshill (9 30).
Amens v Kelburne (10 20). East
Grusslead v Barlord Tigers (11.10). Carraft
v Stourport (12 0). Menseshill v Barlord
rigers (12 50): Cardiff v Amens (140);
Harborne v East Grusslead (2 30).
Kelburne v Stourport (3 20): East
Grusslead v Menzeshill (4 10): Amens v
Stourport (5 10). Harborne v Barlord Tigers
(5 50): Cardiff v Kelburne (6.40).
LONDON LEAGUE: Cambridge Univ v
Spencer: Cheam v Wirnbiedon; Old
Kingstomans v Hampstead-Westminster:
Chilord Univ v Mardenhead

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division:
Ayr Raders v Nothinghein Panthers;
Brachael Bees v Durham Wasps, Cardeit
Devis v Murrayheld Racers, Humberside
Scalhawis v Billengham Bombers, Pirst
division: Milton Keynes Kings v Rise
Flyers Sough Jels v Trafford Metros;
Swindon Wildcats v Blackburn
Blachhawks ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division: Shet-leid Steelers v Medway Bears; Solent Vikings v Chetmolord Chiefs, Sunderland Chiefs v Solitud Barons

LACROSSE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND MEN'S LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge Univ y Hitchin. Bath v London Univ; Kenton v Tatsfield NORTHERN SENIOR FLAGS: Second NORTHERN SENIOR FLAGS: Second round: Ashlon v Cheadle, Old Waconians v Heaton Mersey. Sheffield Steelers v Metor Stockport v Sele NELA JUNIOR FLAGS: Second round: Boardman and Eccles v Poyntor. Heaton Mersey A v Wilmslow Leeds Univ v Moorntorpe Old Waconians A v Cheadle A. BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First divasion: Sheffield Univ v Holmelans. Second division: Rochdale v Northury Third division: Notlingham Univ v Cheadle Hulme

OTHER SPORT BOXING: Commonwealth featherweight championship (vacant) Colin McMillan (Banking) v Percy Commey (Ghane) (Albeit Half).

(Albert Haff).

CYCLO-CRIOSS: Notts and Derby
League (rtal Park. Eastwood, 2.15);
Vacciesbed Wheelers (Blaze His,
ablangton, 130)

SOUASH RACKETS: Fight for Sight
alloral championships (Manchester) SWIMMING: Fine World Cup series and

## Banbridge's fine win proves embarrassing result for Nicholson

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

class horse.

Oxx in Ireland.

The lightly-raced Darshaan colt was purchased

by Billy Brown, owner of Ma-

jor Inquiry, just over a month

Frost had difficult

ride on Spinning

put off."

EVEN the most knowledgeable trainers can be made to look chumps by the racing game, as David Nicholson and David Elsworth discovered to their joy at Kempton yesterday.

Nicholson trained half the field in the four-runner Easter Hero Handicap Chase, but was convinced Al Hashimi would beat his stable companion Banbridge following an impressive piece

And so it looked after the third-last fence where Certain Style fell while challenging, to leave Al Hashami nicely clear. But Banbridge suddenly started to sprout wings and, when Al Hashami made an error at the next fence, the upset was complete.

Nicholson, who instructed Richard Durwoody to fide Al Hashami, joked: "I have just had a ticking-off from the jockey. I am sending him to Warwick tomorrow to ride Shamana, so I hope I have got that one right."

He added: "I thought Al Hashami would win today.

Wincanton on Boxing day when he should have won after downing tools from the Elsworth was even more surprised when the well-bred Hashar made a winning de-

Banbridge breaks blood ves-

sels and got beat at

but over timber in the Walton Novices' Hurdle. "I was sure he would need

GOING: STANDARD

12.55 Strat's Legacy. 1.25 Shocking Times. 1.55 Myasha 2.25 Rapporteur. 2.55 African Chimes.

12.55 Carpet Slippers. 1.25 Shocking Times. 1.55 Myasha. 2.25 Rapporteur. 2.55 Assignment. 3.25

8 086- GLOWING MANULE 288 R Passock 4-8-8 9 053- SHARP TOP 51 M Ryan 4-8-2 D Siggs (3) 10 200- SAVILLE WAY 58J (E.F.) W Museon 5-7-8 B Doyle (5)

11-4 Carpet Sippers, 7-2 Strat's Legacy, 4-1 Luthor, 6-1 Fiectrum, 8-1 Sharp Top, 10-1 Saville Way, 12-1 others.

1 O- ALBANY SPARK 35 6 Eden 90 R Cochrene 72
2 5-2 GOLDEN SICKLE 17 (BF)\*W O'Gormen 9-0
Espac O'Gormen (8) 3
3 SAND TABLE Lord Huntingdon 9-0 W Ryan 4
4 SARDOESMUPPIM Miss B Sanders 9-0 B Croseley 6
5 300- FLOATING RATE 65 / White 8-8 M Process 17
7 0-24 SHOCKING TIMES 7 R SIRgueon 8-0 S Writtworth 2
8 35-5 SUPER-BUB 3 M Fetherston-Godley 8-9 C Ruther 6

13-6 Golden Sicide, 3-1 Shocking Times, 5-1 Super Sub, 8-1 Send Table, 10-1 Floating Rate, 12-1 others.

3 49-3 UP THE PUNIAB 3 (F) S Dow 94 \_\_\_\_ M Jerny (7) S 4 513- JEFFERSON DAVIS 22 (S) W Perce 93 D Microls 4 5 23-1 MYASHA 14 (E.C) Mr. L Piggott 91 \_\_ R Coctarans 1 8-4 Myasha, 5-2 Try Legand, 4-1 Up The Punjab, 6-1 Patrician Magician, 8-1 Jefferson Davis.

1.25 TYRONE MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,167: 7f) (8)

DRAW: 6F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.55 DOWN HANDICAP (£2,324: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

it. Whatever he did today, he ago and together with stablecompanions, Duharra was going to improve on. and Master Foodbroker, will He's probably a very highbe aimed by Elsworth at the Daily Express Triumph Hur-"I thought he would blow... die, a race he won in 1980 up and all my punters were with Heighlin and last year with Oh So Risky. Having taken up the lead

Corals were sufficiently imafter four flights, Hashar pressed with the winner to showed real grit to withstand install him as 20-1 joint fathe challenges of Mubin and vourite with Canny Chronicle Green's Van Goyen. With the for the Cheitenham race.

runner-up, Green's Van The disappointment of the Goven, having won his two race was Highland Air, previous contests, the form of trained by Ian Balding, who the race could be decent.

Hashar used to be owned had reportedly been working impressively at home. The Queen Mother's four-yearby the Aga Khan and was trained on the Flat by John

old finished last. Balding had better luck in the Ashford Novices' Hurdle when Spinning's class proved too much for Ashfold Copse, the heavily-backed favourite Paul Mellon's Glint Of Gold geiding is a tricky customer who seems to have permanent wish to run in a lefthanded are rather than in a

His antics make it hard work for a jockey, even on a left-handed course. On a tight right-handed track, steering becomes close to impossible.

By the time Jimmy Frost reached the short Kempton straight yesterday, his right arm was numb due to the unequal struggle. The jockey finally let Spinning have it his own way. Despite veering gradually to the left, he still had too much pace for his mursuers.

2.25 FERMANAGH HANDICAP

10-11 Repporteur, 9-4 Super Sally, 4-1 Mr Winning Well, 8-1

2.55 ANTRIM CLAIMING STAKES

1. 41-4 MAC'S FIGHTER 7 (B.CD,F,G) W C'Gorgen 7-9-7

2 \$2-1 BOLD HABIT & (C.D.F.G) W Peace 74-6 6 Huste

5 9-26 ASSIGNMENT 7 (CD,F) J FRob-Heyes ( 6 00'0 COURTING NEWMARKET 8 Mrs A Knight 48-7
D Bloom (3) 4 

10 · 064 · SUPREME OPTIMIST 32 (B,D,G,S) R Peac 

3.25 LONDONDERRY HANDICAP

(£2,402: 2m) (14) 1 336 FIRST STAGE 172J (C) J O'Shea 5-100 J Fortune 10 2 00-0 ADJARISTAN 14 FI Simpson 5-98..... A Tucker (S) 11 3 304 FIRSE MINUS (F) May V Acordey 6-9-6 G Paridin (7) 7 4 014- TOUCHING TIMES 46J (F,S) G Phichard-Gordon

5 4/24/ SAND CASTLE 332J (F.S) P Howing 119-1 J McLaughlin 12 6 015- SHAR EMBLEM 22 (CD) S Dow 4-9-L. R Cochrane 2 7 50- TAKE ISSUE 21 (G.S) J Subsite 7-01. W Rysn 18 8 00-3 KOVALEVSKIA 6 (C.F.O.S) D Wilson 7-8-9

7 5/0- TARE 100-28 (C.F.G.B) D VIDEO W Norwing 4
9 400- JAFRWARI 7 (Y) J Scenting 4-8- C Ruther 1
10 3-53 JAWANI 7 (Y) J Scenting 6-8- G Bardwell 3
12 00-0 MALENORY 8 (Y) W Peerce 4-8- D Nichole 8
13 1-08 LIFETIMES AMBITION 7 (F) T Ceepy 4-8-8
D Biggs (3) 6
179. C Seever 7-8-6 D Harrison (Y) 5 3-1 Kovalevskie, 4-1 Jameni, 5-1 Free Minx, Touching Times, 8-1 First Stage, Sher Emblem, 10-1 Adjuristen, 12-1 others.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

TRANIERS: W O'Gorman, 16 winners from 64-rusners, 25.0%-G Beiding, 5 from 22, 22.7%; D Arbothnot; 5 from 28, 17.9%; M Fetherston-Godley, 6 from 36, 16.7%; C C Elsey, 9 from 58, 15.5%; Mrs L Piggott, 6 from 39, 15.4% JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 13 winners from 55 rides, 23.8%; G Hubband, 3 from 16, 18.8%; B'Doyle, 7 from 48, 14.6%; D Biogs, 10 from 77, 13.0%; B Crossley, 8 from 63, 12.7%; W Navenes, 11 from 97, 11.3%.

Kempton Park Going: good to firm Going: good to mms
1.35 (3m ch) 1, SKRNHHILL (M A Pitz-garaid, 5-2); 2, Height Of Run (A Beltamy, 100-30). Only have finished. ALSO RAM: 10-11 fav Over And Above (ur), 3 ran, 2, T Thomson Jones at Upper Limbourn, Tota: 23.00. DF: 23.20. CSF: 27.76.

1.55 ARMAGH HANDICAP (3-Y-0: \$2,280: 7f) (5)

1 00-4 TRY LEGUARD 17 (BF,G) W Center 9-7 2 3-22 PATRICIAN MAGICIAN 15 (F) R Williams 98 C Hodge

Tota: 13.00. DF: 23.20. CgF: 27.78.
2.05 (2m hdle) 1. SPINNING (J Frost, 3-1): 2. Ashfold Copes (M Perset), 64 favt; 3. Potishing (C Hawkins, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 72 Reegli (Sth), 16 My Lamb (4th), 50 Invocation, 66 Jasger, 100 Cautie Critard (6th), Gold Trust, Royal Suprome, Lady Burting (f), 11 ms. MR: Duranaglass, 174, 161, 30, 81 Belding at Kingsdiava. Tota: 24.30; 51.40, 51.50, 51.50. DF: 23.50. CSF: 27.27.

23:50. CSF: 27:27.
2.35 (2m 4t ch) 1. CACHE FLEUR (P Scudemora, 5-1); 2. Fer Over Struy (J Osborne, 9-4); 3. Strong Beau (F Dunwoody, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 ter Back Humour (), 100 Hount Eaton Fox (4th), 5 ma. 3, 68; 301. M Pipe at Wellington, Tote: 24.50; 21.50, 21.50, DF: 28.50, CSF: 21.62.

2.14.02.
3.05 (2m ch) 1, BANBRIDGE (R Bellanny, 11-4); 2, Al Hashhari (R Durwoody, 3-1); 3, Amari King (J Raiton, 12-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Certain Style (ur). 4 ms. 3, 151 D Nicholson at Stow-On-The-Wold. Tolse: 63.30 DF: 63.10. CSF: 69.69. 23.35 Cm hole) 1, HASHAR (3 Bradley, 6-1); 2, Green's Van Goyen (J Oeborne, 11-4 lav); 3, Vallant Warrior (R Duswoody, 11-2); ALSO RAN: 100-30 Mubin (4m), 7-2 Highland Air, 25 Bengal Tiger (6th), 33 Di Stefano (5th), Tauming, 100 Greeters Ahead (pu), 9 ran. 4t, 12t, 22t, 7t, 14t, D Eleworth at Whilsbury, Tote: \$5.80; 21.90, £1.20, £1.50. OF; £10.30, CSF: £20.88. E120, E150. OF: £10.30. CSF: £20.98.
4.05 (3m hcle) 1, HUGLI (W Marston, 12-1): 2, Lagui Beagle (M Perrett, 100.30 lav); 3, Isabesu (A S Smith, 13-2), ALSO RAN: 4 Emersid Sunset (Sth), 5 Run To Form (8h), 13-2 Dodger Diekins, 16 Herd To Hold (4th), 20 Bold Choice, Labric, 33 Another Bolus. 10 ran. 114, 141, 101, 81, 34, 5 Shenwood at East lakey, Tots: £17.90.
£2.90, £1.20, £2.20. OF: £39.10. The: £35.20. CSF: £46.67. Tricast: £257.08. Jackpot: not won (pool of 25,61536 carried forward to Kempton Park to-day). Placepot: 2118.80.

Catterick Bridge ... Going: good (good to firm in places)

Gotha: good (good to firm in piaces)
1.30 (3m if 60yd ch) 1. HOLDETY LAD (5)
Storey, 20-1): 2. Zem Bee (T Reed, 33-1):
3. Westerdight (P Niven, 11-1). ALSO RANC:
7-4 fav Mister Gebo (ur), 4 Mesdowvale
(5th), 20 into The Trees (8th), Washelde
(5th), 20 into The Trees (8th), Washelde
(5th), 17 (11 (ur), 25 General
Harmony (4th), Knows Head (f), Feeling
Rosey (pu), 50 Warriors Code (pu), 100
Anthony Seel (pu), 13 ran. 3, 8, 8, 15, 15,
J. Chartion at Stocksfield. Tota: £17.40;

£3.60, £5.30, £1.60. DF: £189.90. CSF. | Stone (7-1); 4, Hibotolyes Boy (7-1), 19 rat. NF: Boadcoa's Charlot, Mc, 2, M 2.00 (2m Indie) 1, DAGAZ (N Williamson, 56 Inv; 2, Maga Bhue (P Midgley, 3-1); 3, hy Green (P Harley; 16-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Socitish Power, Six Tryntie (pp.), 20 Finn Boy, 25 Ferneck (5th), 33 Apache Brase (4th), 50 Serious Honour, 200 (ling Boo (5th), Cubcall Consett, 11 ran. 1/4, 15, 1161, 11, 77. J Edwards at Rosson-Wye. Tota: 21,50; 21,50; 21,10, 23,50, 0F: 22,50, CSF: 23,96. 2.50 (2m ch) 1, LEACROFT (W Owen, 2-1 tov); 2, Arpal Forever (F Murisigh, 3-1); 3, Denoting Days (N Smith, 3-1); ALSO FAN: B Kerell (8m), 8 Cornedy Fun (5th), 33 Crossett Crusseder (4th), 6 ratt. NR: Autarid, 8, 194; 20, 15, 294, W Heigh at Malton. Tote: 22-30; 2180, W Heigh at Malton. Tote: 22-30; 2180, 22-40. DF: DS.40. CSF: 27-54. Bought in 3, 100 grs. ES-40. CSF: £7.54. Bought in 3,100 gra.
3.00 (2m hold) 1, 3ALWAN (R Stronge, 7-4 lav); 2, Holicopais, P. Nivera, 2, 12; 3, Jiho's Visit (M Dwyer, 6-1), ALSO RAN: 9 Resent (1), 12 Degger Point, Gymcreix Gernble (4th), 20 Cheeky Pot, Chving (8th), 25 Betaliserne (5th), 33 Loch Germane, Simply Cardy (f), 100 Written Agreement, Lady, Of The Glen (ref), 13 can. NR: NSmegen, 5, 33/4, 34, 25, 114. P Bervin at Utlander. Tole: E2.50, £1.40, £1.40, £1.40, £2.40. DF: 01.80 CSF: 85.04.

E2.40. DF: £4.80. CSF: £8.04.
3.30 (Sm 44 ch) 1, CHOCTAW (Mr; A Farrell, 7-1): 2, Brig's Gazzelle (N Smith, 11-1); 3, Snowfire Chap (P Niven, 13-4 fav); 3, Sensen (L Wyar, S-1), Al-SO RAN-9 Old Nick (Shi), 25 Bornie Artist (Shi), 150 Printine (pu), 7 nat, NF; Dublous Joké.
41, Wt, dead heat, 151, 121, P Beausmont et Brancheby, Tota: \$9.40; £2.10, £1.60. DF: £9.40. CSF: £23.80. Tricest: with Snowfire Chap £18.18, with Semifer £41.54. Chap E18.18, with Sentien E41.54,
4.00 (2m hole) 1. STYLISH GENT (G
McCourt, S-4 inv); 2. Colonel Gay (A
Orlmey, SS-1); 3. Cavaller Crossett (the p
McLosylshin, 12-1). ALSO RAN's 5 Mester
Offine House, 7 Seroj Mover, 15-2 Sharisphi,
Wonder (T), 9 Foll Monty (4th), Hot
Company (5th), 10 Stolest V (6th), 11
Astaries: 10 mm. NR: Al Shamild: 5, 2,
ot, 196, 7, N. Teilder at Malton, Totac
52.50, 21.70, 248.70, 22.50, DF: 2457.50.
CSF: E58.69, 77/cent; 2558,79.

Placepot: 291.20. Towcester Going; soft (good to soft first two recent

Going: soft (good to soft first two races)
1.15 (2m hdie) 1, Luku'n Brave Boy rp
Hde, 14-1); 2, Staunch Friend (2-1); 3,
Duke Of Montmouth (4-5 tay); 18 (an. 2); 6,
A Hde, 1-6 tay; 1-8, 10; 21.40, 21.40,
DF: 255.70, CSF: £48.04
1.45 (3m 180yd ch); 1, Mistar Tickie (C-Liewebyn, 4-1); 2, Overhamoverthera (16-1); 3, Cythere (12-1); Auction Law 7-4 by.,
18 ren. S. 11. N Textson Carvies. Tota-21.40; 22-50, 26-30, 23.00, DF: \$200.00,
CSF: \$70.23. 2.15 (2m indie) 1, One To Note (5 Fox, 6-4 . fev); 2, Hightene Lad (16-1); 3, Arthore

3.45 (2m 50yd ch) 1, M I Babs (7 Baggen, 2-1 it-fav); 2, Dr Rocket (3-1); 3, They AB 7-19, 372, Mrs I McGa, 10te 22.70; 51.70, 82.80, Dr - 28.40, CSF: 28.33. 4-15 (2m fiet) 1. BBy Boru (J. Kavernot). 8-11; 2, Martell Boy (14-1); 3, Postmen's Path (25-1). Street Icd 7-4 fav. 17 ran. MR: Cottage Welk. 394, 5; A Devison. Tote: £11.80; £2.40; £5.50. £6.20. DF: £248.10. CSF: £123.88. Placepot 1257.70. Southwell

Going: standard 12.65 (1m) 1. Tara's Delight (D Signs, 100.30); 2. Eurobiake (5-4 fav); 3. Petropower (40-1), 10 ran, 5-h hd, 3t. M Ryan, 10te: \$5.30; £1.10, £1.10, £7.70, DF, £4.30, CSF; £7.81. 24.30. CSF: 27.81. 1.25 (Sh) 1, Kelar (S Wood, -18-1); 2, Do The Business (7-27.3, It's Only Money (7-4 fav), 5 tan. 1/s1, 4si. D. Chapman, Tota-215.80; 25.10, £1.40, DF: £15.00, CSF-261.72 281.72 1.55.(1m)-1. Cleo Modene (5 Maloney, 20-1): 2. Awasome Power (10-17 Ray); 3. Buddy's Friend (11-4), 10 ram; 194; 3. O'Nell, Tote: £14.40; 22.80, £1.30, £1.10. DF. £15.60. CSF; £38.77, GF. E15.50. CSF: 238. T.

2.25 (1m 4f) 1. Caralitair Biazzer (5 Whitecorit, 4-1); 2. Margic Secret (100.30); 3. Frisacobesido (3-1). Duppan 7-4 fav. 5 fan. Nr. 194. J. Jaridins. Tote: 24.80; 2.56 (7f) 1. Palacegata King (J. Carroll, 5-1); 2. Fop To Stans. (Evera tay); 31; 3. Fran. Nr. 4. J. Berry: Total: 24.90; 11. 8 fan. Nr. 4. J. Berry: Total: 24.90; 31; 3. Fan. Nr. 4. J. Berry: Total: 24.90; 31; 51. 2.20. Methody 60. Brothedy-affection 30c. De: £3.90. CSF: £10.41. 4. fav.; 2. Furgan (7-4); 3. Calcutant Guega (7-4), 6 fan. 2, ind. w Hanges. Total: £2.80; 2.40, £1.80. De: £3.10. CSF: £3.90. EJ. AU, Y.I. SEI, DF: E3.10, CSF: E3.90.

3.55 (7) 1. On Y. Ver (J. Outen, 6-1); 2.

Selection Knight (12-1); 3. Daven Successes
(20-1); Peeddansmide, 5-2 fev. 15-ren. NR:
Doubth's longer, 3/st. cit. R. Williams. Total

25.50; 22.40, 23.40, DF: 265.40.

CSF: 273.34, Tricast: £1,251.89.

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TT FINE BARRIET CONTRACTOR

Twin Oaks to top the bill again TWIN Oaks is taken to win the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock Park today now that he is back on his happy hunting ground again.
Last season this Gordon

Richards-trained 12-year-old ran up a remarkable sequence on the Lancashire track by winning four times in succession there and earning his connections £50,000 in the process.

Following a disappointing first run of the current term at Chepstow where he was eventually pulled up in the Weish National, Twin Oaks again revealed his liking for Hay-dock when he made virtually all the running to win the Mitsubishi Shogun Trophy by 20 lengths with 12 stone on his back.

That suggests he will be hard to beat again today with 4lb less to carry, even though he has actually been re-rated. Twin Oaks had Aquilifer seven lengths behind in third place when he won the Greenails Gold Cup on the same track last March

MANDARIN :

12.30 Trapper John. 1.00 GRANVILLE

2.05 Parson's Thorns.

2.35 My Young Man. 3.05 Primitive Singer.

AGAIN (nap). 1.35 Twin Oaks.

to Yahoo. and Romany King, who has still to experience defeat this season, are most unlikely to be brushed aside easily.

For a horse that beat Toby Tobias at Newton Abbot last. time after winning at Newbury and Ascot, Romany King has not been harshiy

THUNDERER

2.05 Parson's Thorns.
2.35 My Young Man.
3.05 Primitive Singer.

BETTING: 6-4 Tyrone Bridge, 2-1 Trapper John, 9-2 Surgoyne, 10-1 Upton Park, 12-1 Gay Ruffian, 20-1 Yorkshire Holly, 25-1 Risus, 50-1 Mandalay Phinca.

1891: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST

TRAPPER JOHN 2I 2nd of 15 to My View (nic 34th)
at Leopardatown (3m, yielding): serier best Deathero (noc 3th) 2I at Nevan (2m 3, good) hundle, Nevanuy Long Distance Hardle (3m 1004d, good to 17 YRONE BRIDGE 2I and 6 5 to Grandle Again in Chepstow (2m, good to soft) hundle, previously 41 2nd of 4 to that rivel in Chepstow (2m 4, good to 14 4nd 6 5 to Morey Street in grade 1 Records 2nd of 4 to that rivel in Chepstow (2m 4, good to 14 4nd 6 5 to Morey Street in grade 1 Records 2nd of 4 to that rivel in Chepstown (2m 4, good to 14 4nd 6 5 to Morey Street in grade 1 Records (2m 4, good) hundle on response 2nd 4 and 14 th of 5 to Morey Street in grade 1 Records (2m 4, good) hundle on response 2nd 4 and 14 th of 5 to Morey Street in grade 1 Amout Hardle (2m 44, cott) hundle in March, BLIR-

GRANVILLE AGAIN best Tyrone Bridge 2 in 5runner Chepstow (2m, good is sold) surder, previously best that five 34t of Cheffether (2m 45).

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ously best that five 34t of Cheffether (2m 45).

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Target in Cheffether (2m, good) hurdle.

Selection: GRANVILLE AGAIN.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

☐ John Carroll was suspended for | Norman Williamson was banned for two days (January 26-27) for excessive | the same two days for a whip offence

113 39.8 38 23.9 28 21.4 15 20.0 17 17.6 46 17.4

**JOCKEYS** 

P Scultamore N Doughty G-MpCourt G Bradley M Owyer L Wyer

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.35 TWIN OAKS.

12.30 JIM ENNIS CONSTRUCTION PREMIER LONG DISTANCE HURDLE (Grade I: £8,284: 3m) (8 runners)

1.00 F K ROOFING CHAMPION HURDLE TRIAL

(Grade II: £7,852: 2m) (5 runners)

TRAINERS

M Pipe G Richerds C Brooks A J Wilson G Baiding Jamey Fitzgerald

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

12.30 Tyrone Bridge.

specialist

treated by the handicapper. However, Twin Oaks still remains a law unto himself at Haydock and I expect him to prove the point yet again under another line ride from Now Aquilifer has a good Neale Doughty.

1.30 Tyrone manage.
1.00 Granville Again.
1.35 Romany March
1.35 TWIN OAKS (nap).
2.05 PARSON'S
THORNS (nap).

Two years ago, Michael Morris sent Trapper John over from Ireland for the Jim MICHAEL PHILLIPS **Ennis Construction Premier** Long Distance Hurdle only to opportunity to get his revenge since he will be meeting Twin be foiled by that good mare Mrs Muck, who was at the

Oaks on 111b better terms. height of her powers that day. Yet I still prefer the course This time the dour Irish eight-year-old, who went on The ground is unlikely to be to win the Waterford Crystal soft enough for Aquilifer and Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenthe same qualification applies ham during the same season. has the form that should en-But Auntie Dot, who beat Celtic Shot by three quarters of a length over today's course able him to give 7lb to Peter Easterby's improved stayer Burgoyne, who made Cab On and distance in November, Target dig deep into his re-serves at Newbury in Novem-

> Winnie The Witch, another who did likewise at Cheltenham on New Year's eve, returns to active duty with a sporting chance of winning the FK Roofing Champion Hurdle Trial.

While being impressed by that performance, albeit over a longer trip, I am happy to go nap on Granville Again, even though he has to give 12lb to Ken Bridgewater's improved mare.

RICHARD EVANS

12.30 Burgoyne. 1.35 Romany King.

P Scudanore
D J Burchell

. L'Wyer @ 99 en Kersey 50



Morris: Haydock raid with Trapper John

The Jimmy Fitzgerald-trained Sybillin also has a good chance of winning this grade two race, but I prefer Granville Again, who looks a highclass hurdler in the making over this trip.

His stable companion Primitive Singer, fourth to Good Profile at Chepstow last time, can round off the day in style for Martin Pipe and Peter

BETTING: 84 Twin Cake, 7-2 Aquitier, Romany King, 8-1 Auntie Dot, Gold Options, 12-1 Southern Minstrel, 20-1, Yahoo, 33-1 Buckshee Boy.

FORM FOCUS

TWIN OAKS best Toursen Prince 201 in 9-runner herology chase over course and distance (good) with SOUTHERN MINSTRE. (5tb better off) 1/41 dtt; earlier best ACULIFER (45b better off) 1/41 dtt; earlier best ACULIFER (45b better off) 1/41 care course and distance (goft) lest Jenuery.

ACULIFER 20 3rd of 17 to Carvill's Hill in grade it could be compared to Cattic in Wolverferspton (2m 4f, good) handlesp chase; earlier best Cettic Shot 4ii in 5-runner handlesp chase; earlier best Cettic Shot 4ii in 5-runne

2.05 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS QUALIFIER

BETTING: 7-4 Pargon's Thorns, 7-2 Re-Raissea, 6-1 Houghton, 6-1 Icanus, 12-1 Glenbrook D'Or, 14-1 others

2.35 NORTH WEST RACING CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£4,175; 2m) (5 runners)

1 111122- UNICLE ERRIE 288 (D.G.S) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitogenaid 7-12-0. M Dwyer 90
2 14-0113 SLIPE METAL 7 (CD.F.Q.S) (Notes Herdman Ltd) D McCaio 9-11-9. G McCourt 96
3 63F-212 'LAST 'O' 'THE BUNCH 22 (CD.F.Q.S) (M Middlebrook) G Richards 9-11-8. N Doughty 94
4 0-21111 JMY YOUNG MAN 14 (D.F.Q.S) ofth W Tuloch) C Brooks 7-11-7. G Bradley 99
5 20-2123 MONUMENTAL LAD 23 (D.G.S) (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 9-10-0. D Leathy (7) 96

BETTING: 7-4 Uncle Ernie, 9-4 Lest 'O' The Bunch, 3-1 My Young Man, 6-1 Sure Metal, 12-1 Mor

3.05 GARSWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,786: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

2.20 BIC RAZOR LANZAROTE HANDICAP HURDLE

1.35 PETER MARSH CHASE

(Novices chase: £4,045: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

Long bandicec: Monumental Lad 9-10.

(£14,300: 2m) (7 runners)

(Limited handicap: grade il: £16,200; 3m) (8 runners)

Scudamore by winning the Garswood Novices' Hurdle.

Otherwise, the programme should be noteworthy for a Charlie Brooks-Graham Bradley double, thanks to Parson's Thoras (2.05) and My Young Man (2.35), both of whom have been in sparkling form of late.

dler Beech Road attempts to better his record over fences by winning the Bic Razor Novices' Chase at Kempton. I respect the Newmarket trainer Mark Tompkins's de cision to saddle Jungle Knife for the Bic Razor Lanzarote Handicap Hurdle. This is just a week after what ap-

The former champion hur-

peared to be quite a heavy fall at the last hurdle of The Ladbroke at Leopardstown, but for which Jungle Knife would probably have been placed. With the easy Newcastle winner Canny Chronicle also

contesting the Red Rose Four-Year-Old Hurdle at Warwick, Tompkins certainly faces a busy and probably profitable afternoon.

#### 2.30 SWALE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,518: 2m) (18)

MANDARIN

1.00 Peanuts Pet. 1.30 Festival Fancy. 2.00 Marejo. 2.30 Susan's Pet. 3.00 Old Applejack. 3.30 Fingers Crossed 4.00 Major Ivor. THUNDERER

1.00 Peanuts Pet. 1.30 Sandy's Beacon. 2.00 Marejo. 2.30 What If. 3.00 Old Applejack. 3.30 Dawadar. 4.00 Major Ivor.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) 1.00 SEAMER NOVICES CHASE

(£2,265: 2m) (12 runners) 1 -51F ELDER PRINCE 22 (D,F,S) M H Easterby 6-11-10 1 -51F ELDER PRINCE 22 (D.F.S) M H Easterby 6-11-10
2 -031 PEANLTS PET 49 (D.F.G.S) B McMohon 7-11-10. T Well
3 -055 ANTIGUAN SMLE 46 (D.F.G.) B Wilderson 7-11-3
4 50/F BAY FOX 18 P Beaumont 7-11-3. D Bensley (7)
4 50/F BAY FOX 18 P Beaumont 7-11-3. P A Farmet
5 -520 BOSTON ROVER 8 (D.F.) 0 Bennen 7-11-3. R Merley
6 000 BISS-MAP 21F J Leigh 6-11-3. R Merley
7 0-00P GNGSEP PMX 7 J Johnson 6-11-3. R Ortney
8 60/ GREAT POKEY 888 A Corner 7-11-3. T Fleed
9 -PSF BEVARO 18 Mis J Remeden 6-11-3. S Screy
10 06-5 ROWDY 106 R Barr 6-11-3. N Smith (5)
11 -024 TERRIBLE GEL 46 (D.BF.J) Mis G Reveley 7-11-3
P Niven

12 FFO MOORFIELD LADY 23 (F) & Wilkinson B-10-12 A Lamach (7)

A Lamach (7) 7-4 Peanuts Pet, 9-2 Elder Prince, 5-1 Terrible Gel, 6-1 Revaro, 16-7 Antiguan Smile, 20-1 Boston Rover, 25-1 others.

1.30 BEDALE NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,165; 3m 1f 80vd) (16)

1 211 NEGATORY 23 (G,S) M Chapman 5-11-12
W Worthington
2 -421 BEAUMOOD 15 (G) C Tinkler 6-11-6 .... B Storey
3 -136 SANDY'S BEACON 22 (G) Jemmy Fitzgerald 7-11-6
D Byrns
4 3301 THE YANK 35 (B,F) M Hammond 6-11-6 .... P Nives
5 4612 FESTIVAL FANCY 10 (G) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-1
R Hodge (5)

3 4012 PESTIVAL FANCY TO (G) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-1
6 00 BIT OF A BOYO 9 V Thompson 5-11-0 D Bentiey (7)
7 0 BUCK OWENS 15 J Johnson 7-11-0 A Orkney
8 00-0 BUSY BOY 9 R Lamb 5-11-0 A Merrigan
9 0 FEARLESS KING 15 E Robson 6-11-0 Miss P Robson (7)
10 POKEY BAN BOY Mrs J Jones 7-11-0 Mr N Tutly
11 5-62 SEON 7 (F) W Bentley 6-11-0 Mr N Tutly
12 444P THE GREEN FOOL 15 V Thompson 5-11-0 N Smith (5)
13 00FP COOL DYNASTY 5 Mrs M Kendest
14 49-3 DOLLY PRICES 9 W Smith 7-10-0 A Lamach (7)
15 FPJU PRISTME 18 (S) W Berley 11-10-0 G Harter
16 5-564 REGAN 77 Mrs J Bentley 5-10-9 C Hawten
17 Negatory 4-1 The Yank, 11-2 Feature Fearley 9-1

2.00 DARLINGTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,385: 2m) (6)

1 2322 TRESIDDER 17 (CD,G,S) M W Easierby 10-12-0 2 2F2P HOWE STREET 113 (U.F.A.A.).
A Orioney
3 -142 MARIEJO 10 (CD,BF,F,G,S) F Walton 11-11-12... B Streey
4 214U STAY AWAKE 21 (CD,F,G,S) J,J O'Neil 611-3... P Neen
5 5252 COSMIC RAY 14 (D,F,G,S) Mrs V Acortey 7-100
P Middley (7)
LOT-liera

3-1 Cosmic Ray, 7-2 Stay Awake, 9-2 Howe Street, 5-1 Marejo, 7-1 Tresidder, 10-1 Dinsdele Lad. **COURSE SPECIALISTS.** 

TRAINERS: F Welton, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%; N Timider, 12 from 47, 25.5%; G Richards, 21 from 85, 24.7%; Mrs G Revaley, 12 from 54, 22.2%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 18 from 96, 18.8%; M Hammond, 3 from 18, 18.7%. JOCKEYS: M HB, 5 winners from 22 rides, 22.7%; R Hodge, 4 from 21, 19 0%; D Byrne, 7 from 39, 17.9%; R Marfey, 9 from 75, 12.0%; S Turner, 7 from 68, 10.3%; T Reed, 5 from 49, 10.2%.

MANDARIN

1.10 Canny Chronicle. 1.40 Shamana. 2.10 Pashto. 2.40 Topsham Bay. 3.10 Huso. 3.40 Cyphrate. 4.10 How Doudo. THUNDERER

1.10 None So Brave. 1.40 Shamana. 2.10 Pashto. 2.40 Bonanza Boy. 3.10 Huso. 3.40 Cyphrate. 4.10

**GOING: GOOD** 

1.10 RED ROSE HURDLE (£3,080: 2m) (7 runners)

51 CANNY CHRONICLE 21 (D,G) M Tompluss 11-4
40 MASTER OF TROY 50 N Twiston-Davies 11-0. C Uswellyn
0 PAPER DANCE 29 R Holiser 11-0. N Marin
SAN LORENZO 246F K Bailey 11-0. A Tory
SIDNEY SMITH 91F E Owen Jr 11-0. R Stronge
MAIDEN OF FROM 119F J McConnoche 10-9 R Darwoody 6-4 Canny Chronicle, 2-1 None So Brave, 7-1 San Lorenzo, 10-1 Mauden Of Iron, 12-1 Master Of Troy, 16-1 others

1.40 BEAR HANDICAP CHASE

1 2511 MAPLE DANCER 10 (B,D,F,G,S) O Shewood 6-11-10 2 4-11 SHAMANA 19 (CD,G) D Nicholson 5-11-9 .... R Dunwoody 3 -PDI ROMAN DART 10 (CD,G,S) M Scudamore 8-10-12 

4-6 Shamana, 4-1 Maple Dancer, 5-1 Roman Dari, 8-1 Noble Eyre, 20-1 Maybe Baby 2.10 CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY TURF CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,566: 2m 5f) (30)

1 53-5 HOLLY JOE 23 (S) A J Wisson 10-11-11 ... A Webb
2 22-B DUSTY MILLER 54 (G) S Sherwood 6-11-9 J Osborne
3 33-0 RASTANNORA 78 (BF £ S) M Pipe 7-11-7 ... M Foster (S)
4 0-31 PASHTO 29 (S) N Henderson 5-11-6 ... R Dunnood
5 140- MARRADONG BROOK 372 (D.F.G.) Forster 7-11-5
6 1-40 GLENFORM 22 (B.G.S) M O'Neil 5-11-4 D J Moffatt (7)
7 3100 ZAMIL 23 (G.S) K Burke 7-11-3 ... ... R Supple
8 41-0 THE PAPPARAZI 58 (G.S) B Curtey 12-112
J Twormey (7)

J Twomey (7) J Twomey (7)
9 3002 NATIVE TRIBE 18 (V.S) G Balding 5112 \_\_\_\_\_ J Frost
10 29/0 DARA FORT 21 (8F) K Baley 6111 \_\_\_\_\_ A Tory
11 102- BLACK SAPPHRE 282 (S) M Tomplers 5-11-1

12 -123 PERSIAN HOUSE 22 (G.S) J Jefferson 5-10-13 Peter Hobbs 13 3-U6 SONNY HILL LAD 49 (D.F.G.S) R Holder 9-10-12

14 200- DARA DOONE 280 (G.S.) R Akehurst 6:10-12 \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ 15 0-1P GREAT SALING 15 (B.G.S.) F Jordan 7:10-11 . . . J Lodder 16 445P CAMDEN BELLE 22 (F.G.) W Muggendge 10:10-9 W Irvine
17 13-P KNAVE OF CLUBS 17 (G) P Blockley 5-10-6 S Keightley
18 -250 AS GOOD AS GOLD 28 (B) G Selding 8-10-4

19 4344 DANDY MINSTREL 19 (B.F.G.S) E Wheeler 8-10-1 20 505- KINGS VICTORY 286 (S) O Brennan 8 100 21-9F1 DARK HONEY 17 (G) \$ Dow 7:100 . W McFarland 22 /000 VISCOUNT TULLY 28 (S) C Jackson 7:100 U Chemon 60

V Stattery (5) 25 2323 THE LIGHTER SIDE 86 (F.G) M Charles 6 100 28 2833 THE LIGHTEN SIDE 80 P.J. M CTARRE 8 H.O.Y. DEWISS (7)
26 P000 DROWSY 17 (B.S) O Sterwood 10 H.O. . . . . A S Smith
27 B-UP SPARK OF PEACE 17 (B.S) P Blockley 10 10-0
Mr K Green

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS: M Pape, 29 winners from 107 runners, 27.1%, N Gasobee, 6 from 30, 26.7%; R Akehurat, 11 from 43, 25.6%; K Baley, 7 from 28, 25.0%, J Upeon, 3 from 14, 21.4%; G Balding, 10 from 47, 21.3%. JOCKEYS: N Mann, 6 winners from 22 rides, 27.3%; W Marston, 3 from 12, 25.0%; R Supple, 5 from 21, 23.8%; G Upton, 5 from 29, 17.9%; R Dunwoody, 14 from 106, 13.2%; W Irvine, 4 from 32, 12.5% 15 5400 AUGHTON RIDGE 49 M Chapmen 4-10-0
W Worthington
16 5060 ANOTHER MARCH 28 J Birkett 6-10-0 Worthington
17 P/00 ROYAL COURSE 14 (V) B Elicon 7-10-0 F Murtagh (5)
18 P00P CRESTINA CROSSETT 57 8 E Care 10-10-0
Mr P McLoughlin (7) ser r' MGLOUGREN (7) 5-2 Ster Cets, 7-2 Susen's Pet, 7-1 Shikari Kid, 8-1 Wimbome, 10-1 What II, 16-1 Mrs Skinner, 20-1 others

3.00 LEEMING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,406: 3m 1f 80yd) (5)

1 4481 OLD APPLEJACK 7 (CD,F,G,S) J Johnson 12-12-0 2 2012 FIRM PRICE 9 (D,F,G) Mrs G Reveley 11-11-0 P Niver 3 1132 NAUTICAL JOKE 18 (D,BF,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 13-10-10 K Johnson 4 B211 MR BOSTON 12 (CD,F,G,S) R Woodhouse 7-10-2 5 143F AZUSA 18 (D.F.G) M Hammond 9-10-0 ...... B Storey 2-1 Old Applejack, 3-1 Mr Boston, 9-2 Firm Price, Nautical Joke, 5-1 Azusa.

3.30 COWTON HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,973: 3m 1f 80yd) (14) 1 /21- PRETTY GAYLE 427 (CD,F,G) J Eyre 10-11-10 9 08-P HITCHENSTOWN 23 (S) M C'Neil 9-10-8 ..... D Byrne 10 2230 FINGERS CROSSED 43 (D.F.S) O Brennen 8-10-4

S Turner 13 23/ LIFE'S A LARK 806 (G) J Harris 7-10-0.... J A Harris 14 -4FU GREEN SILVER 23 (S) L Lungo 10-10-0

Mr C Ewart (7) 9.2 Bay Tern, 6-1 Deweder, Tres Amigos, 7-1 Harpley, Monaru, 8-1 Ter-ten Tellor, 10-1 Palanquin, Pretty Gayle, 12-1 others.

4.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP **HURDLE** (£1,565: 2m) (15)

3 -333 BLACKDOWN 28 (BT) C Weedon 5-11-7 .... R Fahey
4 -03P ROYALIST 8 Miss J Bercley 6-11-3 .... C Harwins
5 561 LORD FUTURE 16 (D.F.) A Potts 4-10-13 .... T Potts
6 063- BEAUCADEAU 457 (BF) M Bernes 6-10-11. B Storey
7 0060 ISLAND FOREST 28 L Lungo 6-10-8 .... L O'Hara
8 0521 PHALAROPE 17 (CD.G.) J Herria 4-10-7. Mr A Walton
9 /065 POLARIS 18 N Chambertain 5-10-6 .... K Jones
10 -F05 BUCKRA MELLISUGA 9 W A Stephenson 8-10-4
K Johnson

11 2412 SIBERIAN BREEZE 29 (D,F) J Glover 4-10-4 

5-2 Major Ivor, 11-2 Lord Future, 6-1 Phatarope, 7-1 Blackdo 8-1 Soveraign Niche, 10-1 Siberian Breeze, 14-1 others

2.40 WARWICK NATIONAL HANDICAP

1 3-5P COOL GROUND 28 (D.G.S) G Balding 10-11-10 2 0236 ROC D'ESTRUVAL 22 (G,S) O Sherwood 9:11:10 3 -544 BONANZA BOY 28 (F.G.S) M Pipe 11-11-6
R Durrwoody
14-8 SEAGRAM 70 (F.G.S) D Barons 12-11-2
N Hawke
5 12-0 TOPSHAM BAY 17 (D.F.G) D Barons 9-10-0 H Davies
6 2U-2 WOODGATE 53 (CD.G.S) T Forster 11-10-0
C Liewellyn
7 P/3 STEEPLE VIEW 51 (G.S.) O Sherwood 11-10-0
3 Osborne
8 164P DAVID'S DUKY 23 (S) A Red 10-10-0 K Harmett (7)
1/2 Cool Ground, 3-1 Borsanza Box 9-2 Transform Fig. 8-1 September 11-10-0

52 Cool Ground, 3-1 Bonanza Boy, 9-2 Topsham Bay, 6-1 Seagram. 10-1 Woodgate, Stoople View, 16-1 others

3.10 UNIVERSITY OF LOUGHBOROUGH TURF SOCIETY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1.165: 2m) (18) 1 0- LIGHTLY STARCHED 248 J Holcombe 6-12-0

J Driscoll (7) 2 413- PLASTIC SPACEAGE 281 (G) J Old 9 11 10 P Davies (7) 3 11 HUSO 45F (D,F) P Hastam 4-11-5 J Cattaghtan 4 41 MULBANK 22 (D,F) P Hobbs 6-11-2 C Naude 5 1F43 HEJMAR 91 (S,F) Jordan 6-11-2 J Lodder 6 -015 GOOD FOR A LOAN 11 (D,F) R Lee 5-11

6 -015 GOOD FOR A LOAN 11 (D,FI R Lee 5 11 1) W McFarland
7 RAO- THE FAX MAN 359 (D,F) B Curley 7 11 10
8 FP5- MORPION 388 A J Wilson 10 10 8 . A Weeb
9 632P DARK DEEP DAWN 11 J Upson 5 10 8 . R Supple
10 0-00 SCAPIN 57 T Forster 6 10 5 . C Liewedlyn
11 0F0- SEA VALE 399 N Gazelee 8 10 4 E O'Donovan (7)
12 0556 TAMMYY 5 FRIEND 16 Mrs J Pimms 5 10 7 ...
13 P00/ GAELGOIR 698 C Jack 500 B 10 1 . V Slattery (5)
14 /06- SLEEPLINE ROMANY 380 (8F) 7 Thomson Janes
7 10 1 A Tory
15 02F JAGGED EDGE 22 R Holdet 5 10 0 . B Stronge
16 500 WHYBROWS 12 B Morgan 6 10 0 . B Stronge

15 02F JAGGED EDGE 22 R Holder 5-10-0 F Byrne 16 5/00 WhYPBROWS 12 B Morgan 6-10-0 R Stronge 17 -P00 SOMATIME 18 C Jones 6-10-0 G Uplon 18 -P00 WHAT'S THAT 23 R Eckley 6-10-0 W Marston (?) 11-4 Huso, 4-1 Mulbank, 5-1 Tammy's Friend, 6-1 Heimar, 8-1 Good For A Loan, Plastic Spoolage, 12-1 Dark Deep Dawn, 14-1 others

3.40 BOSWORTH NOVICES CHASE (£3,600: 2m) (11)

33,600: 271) (11)
1 1640 ARDCRONEY CHIEF 23 (D.G) D Gamdolto 6-11-4
G Upton 

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Gen

J Callaghan 9 3125 THE SHY CONTROLLER 28 (D.BF.G) Mrs J Priman 10 B0-0 SEDGEWELL ORCHID 23 (S) R Holder 7 10-13 S Mackey
11 906F ARTILLERY FLIGHT 21 A Chamberlam 5 10-8 J Shortt 25 Cyphrate, 61 The Shy Controller, 10-1 Frampton House Ard-croney Chell, 14-1 Royal Busion, 16-1 Clare Lad, 25-1 others

4.10 SIMON DE MONTFORT MARES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,138: 2m) (25)

1 - HOW DOUDO 267 (\$) \$ Christian 5-11-10

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2 - COLOUR POLICY C Trettine 5-11-3 D Endgweier (3)

3 O CRUISE ALONG 52 G Jones 5-11-3 E Tierriey (5)

4 O FIVE STARS 77 J Cotston 5-11-3 V Stattery (5)

5 HALFWAY TAVERN 7 Forster 5-11-3 Mr R Farrant (7)

6 HANNAH BEE W Cays 5-11-3 J Kavanegh

7 O HUSHUP 19 N Michell 5-11-3 J Kavanegh

9 D LADY OF ROME 19 D Shaw 5-11-3 T Eley (7)

10 LADY OF ROME 19 D Shaw 5-11-3 Mr M Hourigan (7)

11 LITTLE BUCKSKIN E Wheeler 5-11-3 Mr D McCain Jr (7)

NUN SO GAME 5 Neikor 5-11-3 J Ryan (3) NUN SO GAME S Melkor 5-11-3 J Ryan (3)
PALM LADY 288 G Powell 6-11-3 J Ryan (3)
PHILLIMAY R Leo 6-11-3 A Frankagan (7)
PHPE CUTTER M Pipe 6-11-3 M Foster (3)
PRIDE OF TARCOGAN M Channan 5-11-3 Mr R White
PROSPECT OF WHITBY 19 P Putchard 6-11-3
W Marston (7)

PROSPECT OF WHITBY 19 P Princhard 5 11-3

Marston (7)

RACE TO THE RHYTHM J Edwards 5-11-3

Mr A Farrant (7)

RUN FAST FOR GOLD G Baiding 5-11-3

ALIGNMENT SONG C Loggin 6-11-3

ARDLUSSA BAY J Jefterson 4-10-7

HADDON GRIL J Bosley 4-10-7

LATE PIECE Mrs 5 Fair 4-10-7

RED NEST Mrs P Joynes 4-10-7

SHADOWS OF SILVER B Metation 4-10-7

Miss 5 Baxter

Mrs 2-2 Dec Catter 5-1 Fair D Teather 5-1 Metal

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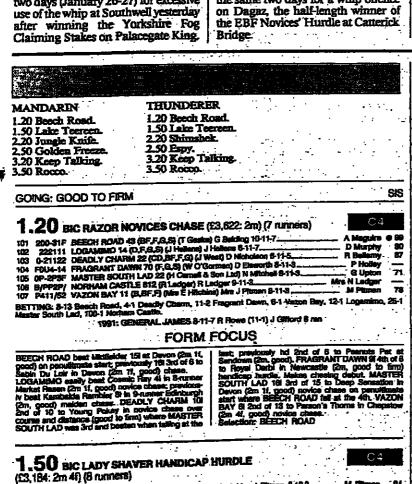
MONDAY: Lingfield Park, Lei-cester, Southwell (AW). TUESDAY: Chepstow, Nottingham, Lingfield Park (AW). WEDNESDAY: Wolver-hampton, Sedgefield, Southwell (AW). THURSDAY: Huntingdon, Newton Abbol, Lingfield Park (AW). FRIDAY: Wincanton, Uttoxeter, Southwell (AW). SATURDAY: Cheltenham, Doncaster, Ayr, Lingfield Park (AW). Lingfleid Park (AW).

(Flat maetings in bold) Towering Houxty Lad showed promise to capture the Stayers' Novice Chase at Catterick yesterday. Just short of 17.2 hands and only a modest hurdler, Houxty Lad took well to fences and was three lengths too good for fellow outsider Zam Bee.

Blinkered first time



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Long handkatt: Welshmar 9-12, Knighta 9-5.

BETTING: S-1 Lake Tearest. 7-2 Shannon Gles. 4-1 The Widget Man, 6-1 Jalibresker, 8-1 L'Uomo Piu, 10-1

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Welshman, Knighta. 12-1 Sayture.

1991: LIGHT DANCER 5-9-7 F Murtagh (7-1) L Codd 14 mm FORM FOCUS 

COURSE SPECIALISTS **JOCKEYS** TRAINERS Weners Rusners (Only qualifiers)

Long handicap: Shimshek 9-13. eursy manuscus praminings 2-10. \*\* BEETTING: 7-4 Jungle Knife, 3-1 Egypt Mill Prince, 9-2 Peace King, 11-2 Santonius, 8-1 Vallent Boy, 14-1 Marlingtond, 20-1 Stantahek. 1991: STAR SEASON 7-10-3 N Mann (9-2) R Holder 11 ran SIS FORM FOCUS JUNGLE KNIFE 3rd and held when fed last in 20runner Ladbroite won by How's The Boss at
Leopardstown (2m, good to yieldingt previously 101
3rd of 5 to Granville Agein at Chapetow (2m),
PEACE KNIR 14 (bit of 12 to La Clenage in Ascot
(2m, good) handicap hurdle. Previously best Crystal
Bear 14 in 6-runner Newbury (2m 100/d, good to
firm) hendicap hurdle. EGYPT MILL PRINCE 201
2nd of 5 to Tiger Claw in Windsor (2m, good) handiSelection: JUNGLE KNIFE 2.50 FULWELL HANDICAP CHASE (E5,247: 2m 4f) (6 runners) Long handloap: Edberg 9-12, Fermies Boy 9-12. BETTING: 6-4 Golden Freeze, 7-2 Eapy, 9-2 Ghofar, 5-1 Edberg, 8-1 Laundrymen, 10-1 Farmies Boy. 1991: GOLD OPTIONS 9-11-7 M Dwyer (5-1) Jimmy Fitzgerald 12 mm FORM FOCUS GOLDEN FRIEDZE 12/64 4th of 6 to Pat's Jester In grade / Newton Chese at Haydock (2m 44, good). SSPY 15/44 5th of 15 to Chaters in Heantespy Gold Cup Handicap Chese at Newtony Che 2 Styr. Joseph Chese at Newtony Che 2 Styr. Joseph Chese at Newtony Che 2 Styr. Joseph Chese EDBERG 142 2m of 5 to Island Cup Handicap Chese at Newtony Che 2 Styr. Joseph Chese EDBERG 12 2m of 5 to Island of 5 to Chese EDBERG 12 2m of 5 to Island of 5 to Chese EDBERG 12 2m 3,20 HAMPTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,469: 3m) (3 runners) BETTING: 4-8 Keep Talking, 5-4 Banker's Gossip, 25-1 Little Thyne. 1991: PARSONS GREEN 7-11-0 R Dunwoody (7-4 fav) N Henderson 9 nm 3.50 MIDDLESEX NOVICES HURDLE (£1,702: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

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(Oaks) and Crow (St Leger). After a public stable from 1985.

## Return to Murrayfield is eagerly awaited

World Cup final we return to the scene of our outstanding semi-final victory for the start of this season's five na-

tions' championship.
In those II weeks I have class rugby. A few other miyes, but just one senior game.

my mind. I feel fresh mentally and very fit physically. I am alert and eagerly anticipating the championship, some-

nd so to Murrayfield. thing I was not sure I would class rugby outside the five Again. Eleven weeks to do after the intensity of the nations championship better day since the rugby World Cup. I had played alfore mid-March, when En-World Cup. I had played alfore mid-March, when Enmost non-stop rugby for the gland's involvement ends. last five years.

step back from the first-class cannot commit myself to game for a while. I am fit Stade Toulouse until Enbecause I have trained hard gland's campaign is over played just one game of first- both in England and then and, quite honestly, that France after my move to Touclub training includes more intense it seems like a many to play and then leave the following weekend solely for specious. I shall for Wasps against Harle-quins in the Courage Clubs Championship in November. A cause for concern? Not in cally. And the French tend to recreate a lot of game situa-

It has been wonderful to the internationals mean I sounds ideal to me. Internationals, these days, are so intense it seems like a luxury the squad sessions. I shall pity players like Will Carling, Simon Halliday, Brian

Moore, Micky Skinner, Peter

Winterbottom and Jason

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Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half, gives his

Wasps, which I'm sure they

will not!). Bristol (away, Courage Clubs Champion-

we will go to Twickenham to

play Ireland sensing a mo-

mentum once more gather-

ing pace. But we have to

thoughts on today's Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfield

international players with Harlequins their programme for the next eight Saturdays is exhausting: Scotland (away), Wasps (away in the Pilkington Cup). Ireland (home), Orrell (home, Courage Clubs Championship). France (away). a Pilkington Cup quarter-final (assuming they have beaten

especially at Murrayfield. especially at Murrayfield.
Certainly, on paper, Scotland
appear to be weaker than
during the World Cup.
To lose Gary Armstrong,
such a wonderfully competitive player, as well as Calder
and Jeffrey, was a particular

blow. But any Scottish team meeting England in Edin-burgh will be extremely com-petitive and I know it will be ship) and Wales (home). We see the match against Scotland today as the key. If another hard game. If we take a relaxed attitude onto the field we are quite likely to we can win this one I think be punished.

I do not believe we will because there is a great target for us again: another grand slam. It is an extraorin the championship has won successive grand slams since 1923-4. Not even the great Welsh teams of the Seventies could do it. We are certainly capable of doing it — no one would seriously question that. But then we had the side to achieve it in 1990 and failed. And on paper it will be harder this year because we

have to play Scotland and France away. This season we will attempt to integrate rather more the power of our pack and creativity of our backs That is the wish of the players and Dick Best, our new coach. We can win in Edin-

Meanwhile, we all had an extra potato with dinner last night (alcohol forbidden) to celebrate the International Board's approval of our "Rua with the Ball" scheme. I am just pleased it has been resolved at last but it will not really make the slightest difof our attitude on the field. However, there are already nasty suggestions within the camp that the profits cannot be found. Did Maxwell get his hands on our money, too?

☐ Interview by Peter Bills

#### Armstrong's absence a blow to Scottish hopes

## England appear to have the edge in some vital areas

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

THE last time England visited Murravfield in the five nations' rugby union championship every prize was on offer - grand slam, triple crown, Calcutta Cup. everything but the freedom of Edinburgh. The last time they played Scotland, however, not even the most tangible of those prizes, the old silver trophy from India, was at stake; only a place in the final

of the World Cup. Now it is 1992. England have their grand slam for a comforter, the World Cup has been dusted and put away for another four years and it is back to five nations' business at Murrayfield this afternoon. But business with a difference. The World Cup

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MURHAYEIELD TEAMS

Scrum half

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Referee: W D Bevan (w.

has left an enhanced awareness of rugby union's possibilities and England with the confidence and the experience to play a more rounded game, if they so choose.

The series between these countries has now attained a status similar to that which, historically, was reserved for matches between England and Wales. That is one way of measuring the decline of the Welsh and the advance of the English; meanwhile Scotland, have stayed alongside England, aggressive, competitive, raw-boned if lacking the subtlety that an Irvine or a Renwick brought to their

But there has to be a sheen of concerned perspiration on

England

W D C Carling\*

J M Webb

S J Halliday

C R Andrew

C D Morris

J Leonard

B C Moore

J A Probyr

M G Skinner

M C Bayfield

W A Dooley

(Preston G)
P J Winterbottom

T A K Rodber

REPLACEMENTS: 16 N J Hastop (Oneil)

Scottish brows this morning, caused by the untested quality row and, vitally, the absence of Gary Armstrong at scrum

In recent matches there has been an intensity of feeling between the countries, as between players who have come to know each other too well. The cast has not changed significantly but it may have changed enough to reduce that simmering feeling. Scot-land field four new caps, England two new to the championship and players will be working their way into international rugby rather than into other international rugby players, particularly in the key area of the back row/scrum half link.

Indeed, the form of the respective scrum halves may meeting between the countries is played and won. Dewi Morris has champed at the bit since 1989. His bustling, challenging play should give his back row a focus, should help Tim Rodber into the match and might give Andy Nicol an awkward baptism.

every lineout variation in the book if they are to overcome England's giants, with Mar-tin Bayfield posted at the front on the Scottish throw to blot out Kenny Milne's targets. Nor does there seem the ballast in the Scottish scrum to hinder England running through their back-row moves or leaving it to Rob Andrew to control the play.

The England management have studied David McIvor the most consistent player in Scottish club rugby this season, according to well informed locals - and Nicol on video, in acknowledgement of the unpredictable quality they constitute (Neil Edwards and Ian Smith, playing out of English clubs, are known and

"We want a structured game, they will try and create mayhem," Dick Best, England's coach, said. "The

looser the better for them." make the tackles tell, to force the scrums and, as a counterbalance to over-confidence. the recent knowledge from

For all the emphasis England's manager and captain have placed on the difficulties of winning away from home. they should do so again today. At first glance the championship as a whole revolves around the game in Paris on February 15 between France and England. for all the expectation that this season the Irish will make their mark. Four out of four. once more, is not beyond England.

OF THE 108 games played, England have won 52 and Scotland 39 Between 1913 and 1924, and 1951-

7, England won seven successive matches, the record for the senes

Murrayfield has staged 32 games, of which Scotland have won 18 and

England's highest wirning mar-gin at Murrayfield is 30-18 in 1980 Scotland's is the 33-6 win in 1986, from which they have two survivors— the Hastings brothers, Gavin (who scored 21 points) and Scott-lreland and Wales have played 94 matches since 1882. Ireland win-ning 32 times against 55 to Wales Results over the last decade, contrary to the usual championship tendency, have gone against the

tendency, have gone against the grain of victory to the home side Wales had the better of the game played on neutral territory, in New Zealand during the 1987 World

Cup
There have been 28 games at Lansdowne Road, of which Ireland have won 12 and Wales 13. Three or



Whistle blower: "I'll be pleased to win by hook or by crook," Best says

## Best wishes for slow change in approach

BY DAVID HANDS

day that coaching England's rugby team became a spark of light at the end of a long tunnel: when an invitation bearing the Rugby Football Union's official imprimatur, the red rose, dropped through his letterbox inviting him to

He does so with his tongue cheek: there were many individual influences for the man who played in every row of the Harlequins scrum, and who coached the club when he was captain because noone else was prepared to. His particular guru was Earl Kirton, the former New Zealand stand-off half, who came on a business trip ten years

Earl talked about how the

match have since signed pro-lessional forms Brian Smith of Ireland, and Alan Bateman and

Mark Jones, of Wales

CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS

winning ball, about backs

"It was a simple philosophy started to succumb to the pressures." Then Kirton convinced Best not to change his

Another form of tension has returned, however, since Best took over from Roger Uttley after the World Cup final last November. The chef-turned-travel agent is beginning to understand the weight of expectancy on the England team going into the five nations' championship.

The team was so success-

it will be even harder next season because it will be a new team.

"I don't think this is the season to try and impose my concept of how the game should be played. My appointment is for this season only and my brief is to win four games, and I'll be pleased to do that, by hook or by crook.

"Whoever gets the job after this championship, that will the style."

John Elliott what they, as the existing management, wanted from me. But they turned the question round and asked what I wanted to do. They were prepared for a fresh face, who might change some

## Championship odds stacked against Welsh

BY GERALD DAVIES

pionship. Wales at 33-1. The huge discrepancy owes less to recent championship performances than the way both countries, who confront each other at Lansdowne Road this afternoon, played in the World Cup.

Wales suffered badly, whereas the Irish, even though they finally lost against Australia, acquitted themselves heroically and not without a little derring do against Scotland and, more famously and dramatically, against the eventual winners.

Nothing before this suggested a vast gulf between the countries, which are the least favoured to win any of this season's honours. Since 1986 both of them, in turn, has had the inglorious reputation of filling the bottom position in the table. Of their last 20 internationals, Ireland have won five, Wales four.

The sides drawn match was the only comfort last season and forestalled the possibility of a whitewash, a fate which befell Wales the previous year. Irish defeats, though, have been marginal while those for the Welsh have been substantial and more damaging to declining

australia, for instance, scored a record 38 points in Cardiff in October, 63 in Brisbane in the summer. There is no such hight on Ireland's record.

Today's home team shows three changes, two enforced, from the team which last took the field. Mick Fitzgibbon comes in on the flank in place of the injured Hamilton, and Richard Wallace-replaces Jack Clark on the wing. Keith

IRELAND are quoted at 6-1 Crossan is reinstated at wing to win the five nations chamfor Geoghegan, who has for Geoghegan, who has withdrawn because of a family bereavement. None the s, the team retains its stable

> The same cannot be said of Wales who, while they keep ten of those who played in the last World Cup game, have used 39 players in their last

There are three new caps in Stephens, Copsey and Stew-art Davies. Neil Jenkins, aged 20, who played throughout last season's championship games at stand-off half, plays at centre, and Hall, a centre by frequent practice, is on the ng. Along with Gibbs, aged 21, at centre, there is a raw and speculative combination

in the three-quarters. Alan Davies, who is in his first championship campaign as coach of Wales, rightly emphasises defence as the priority. Wales, with only one victory in the last nine matches, have conceded 260 points.

With the referees less inclined to marshal it as rigorously as before, the lineout, increasingly unruly, will be critical. Wales will have to win much more possession if they are to enjoy any pickings against the vastly-experienced Lenihan and the fast-

improving Francis.

☐ Australia, the World Cup-British Isles later this year with a six-week tour of Ireland and Wales, including internationals in Cardiff and Dublin, concluding with a match against the Barbarians at Twickenham.

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#### ENGLAND'S GREATEST TRY WAS SCORED. ODDLY ENOUGH.BY A RUSSIAN.



The All Blacks were certainly surprised. In 1936, Prince Alexander Obolensky was right wing for England against them. He scored one conventional try up the touchline. Then he did something unexpected. Wrong footing the entire All Black team, "Obo" ran diagonally through them to score a remarkable left winger's try. At The Royal Bank of Scotland we always applaud enterprise and originality. We are proud to be supporting the Internationals



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## an in-service training course.

Even so, England have the experience and the weight to 1990 of how badly things can

DICK Best remembers the

"It was really nice to see that card, because it meant I was really part of the system," he said. Best describes himself as the "perfect" product of the RFU structure: county. club, division, England under-21. England B, and now England.

game should be played, about rolling mauls, about the problems of English back play. The principle was 15man rugby, about forwards

running straight and the forwards recycling it. but, at club level, it's not difficult to achieve if you have the right players. I almost changed my ways once, last season, when Harlequins weren't playing well, and I

ful in 1991 and the game has become important to people.

be the perfect opportunity to rebuild and maybe change The 37-year-old Londoner

has an immense well of international experience from which to draw, compensating for his lack of the same as a player. The very fact that he is a new face is a virtue too. "I asked Geoff Cooke and

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(Blackrock College)			(Swansea)
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## Strength decides students international

Scottish Students ...... 9 English Students...... 32

By DAVID HANDS

Mark Jones, of Wales
FIXTURES: Today: ketand v Wales
(Dublin): Scotland v England (Edinburgh)
February 1: England v Ireland (Twickenham), Wales v France (Cardif) February 15: France v England (Paris),
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v France (Edinburgh) March 21: France v
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France 38: Wales 3: (Paris): March 16:
England 21: France 19: Scotland 28, Ireland 28, Ireland 28, Ireland 28, Ireland 29, Ireland 28, Ireland 29, Irelan SIZE has always been a Scottish problem, at least when they play England on the rugby field, and they encountered it yet again yesterday in their first meeting in a full student international at Myreside.

Wit and invention were apparent, as in the spectacular 100-metre try created by Shepherd and scored by Crawford Henderson, but the strength and experience of the English forwards produced victory by two goals, two tries and four penalty goals to a goal and a penalty.

indeed, those penalties were a telling factor; some Scottish forwards played too much of the game on the wrong side of the ball and paid for it as Gregory kicked four penalties just when the English boat needed steadying. Crawford's try had brought the Scottish Students back to 17-9, only for the match to drift out of reach.

The more frantic the play, the better the Scots enjoyed it and, in Shepherd, they had a compelling personality. Had his side not been forced to attack from deep so frequently, his contribution from full back might have been even

However, Dossett, a latecomer at full back for the English, was by no means overshadowed. He brought off one superlative defensive catch and joined his line well as England, settling in the second quarter, ran in three tries to establish a 14-3 lead by the interval.

The English rounded the

when Parton ran over 40 metres for the final try. ☐ English Universities beat Scottish Universities 15-7 in yesterday's match at Peffermill in Edinburgh. SCORERS: Scottish Students: Try: C Headarson, Conversion; Shepherd Pen-alty goal: Shepherd. English Students: Tries: Tarbuck, Fielden, Thomeycrot, Parton, Conversions: Gregory (2). Penalty goals: Gregory (4). SCOTTISH STUDENTE: R Shepherd: A Adam, I Jardine, R Enksoen, C Henderson G Townsend, R Dickson; G Kanhandel, I Handerson, G McKen (content). C Brown,

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#### Two home countries kept apart in Sweden

## English challenge will benefit from best possible draw

GROUP TWO: June 12: Netherlands Sociand (Gothenburg, 5.15); CS: Germany (Norrköping), 15: Netherlands CIS (Gothenburg); Scotland v Germa

to none, and without Gas-

coigne, Graham Taylor, the England manager, will have nothing to match the inven-

tion of Savicevic and

Prosinecki, if indeed the latter

plays against the wishes of his

Croatian father. Yugoslavia is

desperately trying to hold to-gether its federation, and

Miljan Miljanic has plans for

friendly matches at all levels

with England's national team

The finals begin in Stock-holm with what might be a

glittering match: Sweden

against France. None who

were there will forget the heights that Sweden reached

in the World Cup in 1958

with such players as

Hamrin. Now, with Limpar,

over the next 12 months.

FROM DAVID MILLER IN GOTHENBURG

(Rick-off 8.15 unless stated)
GROUP ONE June 19: Sweden v France
(Stockholm), 11: Yagoelevia v Englant
(Makno), 14: France v England (Makno),
5:15): Sweden v Yagoelevia (Stockholm)
17: Sweden v England (Stockholm)
France v Fragoelevia (Makno), FATE smiled on England resterday through the hand of Nils Liedholm, as the draw or the European championhip finals was made. Swe-ien's most famous footballer bulled England out of the bowl as No. 4, giving them a irst round group with Sweirst round group with Sweien, the hosts, France and
Fugoslavia, which is marginilly the less formidable

sweden will be riding the motional tide of playing at nome, France are regarded as he favourites, being unbestin three years, and Yugodavia have towering natural alent. Yet the opinion of most experts is that group wo, containing the Netherands, the holders, and West Germany, the World Copwinners two years ago. presents the greater difficulty. It is unlucky for Scotland, in their first European finals, that they should have the cougher first round and a daunting opening game against the Netherlands in Gothenburg on June 12.

England can be optimistic without being confident It should be recalled that in European finals they have only ever won two matches: against the Soviet Union, for third place, in 1968 and against Spain in the first round in 1980. Now, apart from Sweden, they are up against two of the most imaginative teams in all football, and open against Yugoslavia in Malmo on the second day of the tournament

It may well be that Yugoslavia will be undermined by their political problems, though they showed their mettle when winning away to Austria in their final qualifying match. For 50 years, Yugoslav skills have been second-

over Arsenal in the third round of the FA Cup and who has since been charged with handling counterfeit currency, was yesterday included in the Welsh club's squad to meet Lincoln City at Sincil

Bank today. Thomas, who scored one of the goals which knocked out Arsenal a fortnight ago, was released on bail this week.

The Government was yesterday pressed to rethink proposals requiring third and fourth division clubs to conalier revealing it was not insisting that communications are sisting that communications. should follow suit. The Home said: While we still require Football League clubs to move towards all-seater grounds as recommended by Lord Justice Taylor, for other sports, we see no reason to

The defending champions. Algeria, were yesterday knocked out of the African nations' cup after being held to a 1-1 draw by outsiders Congo in their final match of the group stages in Ziguinchor, Senegal Congo took a shock seventh-minute lead through Tchibora before

FOOTBALL

Brolin, from Palma, and Thern, from Benfica, they are capable at least of reaching the final in their first Europe-

Michel Platini, who guided France to maximum points in, the qualifying tournament, says that he will, if possible, maintain an unchanged team and not make adjustments in expectation for the next World Cup. "The average age is not too high, about and while they are going well it would be unwise to change them." Platini said. We are in the same phase as we were between 1982 and 1984 (when France won at

If Scotland's prospects, against the last fling by the fearsome Dutch trio of Gullit, Van Basten and Rijkaard are uncomfortably hot, Germany have been granted an open-ing game with a team in disarray, the Commonwealth of Independent States. Yet a cloud bangs over the World Cup-holders. They attempted esterday, without success, to have waived bookings from the qualifying tournament. Five of their best players, Matthaus, Brehme, Riedler, Kohler and Buchwald are all riding one yellow card and facing a one-match suspen-

sion upon getting another. England must hope, in the circumstances, that they win the first match against Yugoslavia and at least draw with France and Sweden to gain a semi-final place. The runners-up in group one then have the prospect of a semifinal against the winners of

Taylor is optimistic that he will be able to induce a better relationship between his men and the media than existed during the World Cup in Italy under Bobby Robson, sadly the worst-ever. Taylor's squad has shown a more mature

## Regis finds Villa in the sun

THE Aston Villa management makes no bones about it. Cyrille Regis was taken on this season as a squad player, someone who could come in and do the occasional job" in an emergency. How delighted then they must be that they underestimated the pride and staying power of a player who is still going strong after 15 years at the top of his profession.

Indeed, it will be an emergency at Villa Park the day they have to try to make do without Regis. "Had we not got him, then goodness knows where we would be." Andy Gray, the assistant manager, said. "He's been absolutely magnificent. He's an inspiration to the rest. It's just a pity he's not 23, instead of 33."

Regis was indignant at the very suggestion that at his age he had gone to Villa Park, after being released on a free by Coventry City, with a view to playing little more than Central League football. "Certainly not. I went there to play first-team football. I felt that I still had another season or two at the

highest level," he said. It soon became evident in pre-season that he would muscle that heavyweight frame past the youngsters, such as Dalian Atkinson and Ian Olney, and into the first team. "He could have drifted down to the lower divisions or gone to some obscure country abroad," Gray said, "but his attitude has been, 'Well, I don't know how long I'm in for but I'm going to damn well enjoy it'.

In fact, Regis has never enjoyed his football so much, partly because it is no longer the most important thing in his life. For the past 18 months he has approached his livelihood with a different perspective". Following the death of Laurie Cunningham, who was a close friend, in a car crash abroad, Regis became a born-again Christian.

A few years earlier, he had been involved with Cunmingham in a serious car accident from which both men walked away unhurt.



A new purpose in life: Regis has benefited by the move from Coventry

When Cunningham died. Regis realised that that it could easily have been him. He began to question his

purpose in life. Brought up as a Catholic in French Guyana, which he left when he was four, he said that Jesus came back into his life. "He's given me a meaning to life and a direction. I don't feel pressurised any more, I feel free to enjoy my football."

A change in his life-style helped, too. He no longer goes out clubbing until all hours or gets drunk. He has

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also listened to the dietary advice of the physiotherapist at Villa Park. "You've got to read the script if you want to stay on stage as long as possible," he said.

If there is anything more amazing than the longevity of his League career it is the shortness of his international career. His five caps, predominantly as a substitute. amounted to little more than a game and a half. The critics said that he did not score enough goals but Ron Atkinson, his manager the second time around, believes that an extended run in the England team would have shown Regis ideally suited to the international stage. "I could have seen him and Lineker being a very good pairing.'

What he lacks in pace these days he makes up for with guile that brings Tony Daley and Dwight Yorke into play. "When you're talking about these guys you're talking entertainment," he said. "It just thrills me to be there and give them the ball - and then try to keep up

Tottenham v Southampton

another poor showing at White Hart Lane in midweek forced them to relinquish their hold on the FA Cup. Mabbutt and Nayim are

Edinburgh and Walker are added to the squad. Gray could

return for a Southampton side

A home match is probably the

expected to recover from

SQUASH RACKETS

#### Carter's tough play pays dividend

By COLIN McQUILLAN

PAUL Carter, the surprise winner of the 1988 British title, yesterday showed that determination still fuels his game when he won a 100minute second-round match in the Fight for Sight national championships in Manchester, defeating Paul Johnson, 10-8, 8-10, 1-9, 9-7, 9-3.

Carter, aged 28, is ranked 38th in the world. After an hour of play against the long-haired and left-handed teenager from Eltham yesterday, he as 2-1 and 6-2 down. "I thought I was on the M6 back to Potters Bar at that stage," Carter said. "I had tried almost everything and he was still playing tough."

On regaining service through a long and increasingly defensive rally, he exhorted himself "now play squash". Carter's approach had included enough niggling let appeals and protective blockages of average drop shots to attract the code of conduct warning and to take Johnson, aged 19, through the full range of frustration and unrewarded physical

By straightening his line and raising his pace slightly, the former champion put Johnson on to the defensive. that allowed a steady climb back to 6-6, and then into an over-ambitious attack upon the tin that relinquished the initiative for the rest of the match. By the end, Johnson was returning serves exhaustedly into the floor. Carter will today meet Simon Parke, the world junior champion, who bear Mark Allen 5-9, 9-1, 9-5, 9-1 in 53

#### SWIMMING

#### Robins is close to an upset

GRANT Robins, Britain's top all-round swimmer, yesterday narrowly failed to beat one of the favourites for the Olympic 400 metres medley fille (Craig Lord writes)

After he had set the third fastest time ever - 4min 12.87sec - in Canada last month, everyone at the third round of the World Cup at Leicester was expecting to see Curtis Myden, aged 18, leading from start to finish. It came as a surprise to see Robins showing Myden the way at halfway.

But superior breaststroke length set up Myden for victory.

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RESULTS: Men: 400m ind 1, C Myden (Car). 4.19.55; 2, G Robers (Eng), 4:19.67. 4, A Rolley (Eng), 4:29.29 Women: 800m freestyla: 1, J Henke (Gar), 8:33.06; 4, C Paggott (City of Birmingham), 8:31.10

Thomas wins place
MICKEY Thomas, who in-Office minister, John Patten, depart from a voluntary

Bouiche equalised three minutes before the break.

#### Aston Villa v Sheffield Wed Luton v West Ham

Wednesday, beaten 6-1 at nome by Leeds last Sunday, should strengthen Villa; resolve to qualify for Europe. Villa, naturally, are unchanged after their thrilling triumph at Tottenham. Wednesday still have doubts about the health of Pearson and Warhurst, both virus victims.

Leeds v Crystal Palace Following their two cup defeats by Manchester United, Leeds should, at least, have consolation of staying shead of their great rivals in the league, if only lemporarily. Betty returnsfrom suspension and possibly also Stractian from injury with aso statutes into attack. With Young beginning a four-match suspension, Palace may deploy McGoldrick as sweeper. Gray has flu so Osborn stands by.

#### This is a match of crucial Ham will be particularly disappointed to be without Gale, who must have another operation on his arthritic foot. Potts eputises and Rush, a Republic of Ireland under-21 winger, is also included in the

squad. Luton, who are without Harford, will make do with the promising Oakes. Preece may play though he has not trained.

Manchester C v Coventry This is no time for Coventry to be without possibly six players The absence at Maine Road of The absence at Maine Hoad of Balling, McGrath, Woods and Booty, as well as possibly Gallecher and Robson, means that Flynn and Atherion are called up. Suspensions prevent Quinn and Heath from playing for City but McMahon returns from injury.

#### Notts Co v Manchester U expected, though there could be at susbstitute where Blackmore. fartin and Robins vie for selection. Robson and Sharpe turn out for the A team. County have Agana, Turner, Johnson, Harding and Slawson all receiving treatment but at least Draper is lift again.

Oldham v Liverpool Otcham have called up Ritchie but it is not new forwards they need but a new defence after their miserable 4-2 defeat at Orient. Inear miserance 4-2 cerear at Onem. Milligan is hopeful of promotion. Liverpool may continue their blind-side run, though they will have to do so without Molby, who has a hamstring strain, Walters and Burrows.

QPR v Arşenal If Hangers were pleasantly

season, they will be thoroughly disappointed if they do not beat them now, given Arsenal's ailing health. Pennice may start and Sinton is well again after a virus. Arsenal, without a win in figames, will be relieved to have Wright back after suspension. Bould is still unfit.

Sheffield U v Norwick After scoring eight goals in their last two games, United cannot want for confidence. There could be changes, though Gayle has served his ban and Hodges could also figure. Blades and Fox are made the Norwich scapegoals alter five defeats in their last seven games. Butterworth and Smith are recalled white Woodthorpe deputises for Phillips, who has flu.

Defiant, the newer of the two

America<sup>3</sup> boats, cruised to a

3min 47sec win over his boss,

Bill Koch, in Jayhawk, a sister

ship, in the first internecine

race of the America's Cup

defender series at San Diego

on Thursday. He leads 2-0.

With sixth place in the fifth

heat, Mitch Booth, of Austra-

lia, stretched his overall lead

to 20 points in the world

Tornado class championship

Cycling: Tony Doyle learned

yesterday that for the final six-

day race of the season, at

Copenhagen, starting January 31, he will ride once more

with Danny Clarke, the Aus-

tralian, a partnership that

race directors had banned as

it was proving too successful.

Athletics: Wilbert Greaves.

the former Olympic hurdler.

who is 35, has been appoint-

ed assistant to Andy Norman.

the British athletics promo-

tions officer. Steve Gledhill

becomes the British Athletic

Federation's finance and ad-

cross country championship in Boston on March 21.

ministration director. □ A place has been left open

Norman's aide

Doyle in luck

Tomorrow **Everton v Nottm Forest** 

Forest will probably be without Charles and possibly Tiler because of hamstring injuries: Chettle and Wassall stand by, as does Laws for his first appearance of the season Everton, for whom Ablett makes his debut will be Ablett makes his debut, will be capitained officially for the first time by Watson. He succeeds Raicliffe, who is on the transfer list Raicliffe, who is on the trail.

Compiled by Clive White

#### **SPORT IN BRIEF** Oceans apart Yachting: Buddy Melges, in

at Perth.

#### Taylor's call-up hits club

objective at the New Zealand championships by retaining the Australia Trophy by four points from the Australians. Washed out

play England today.



Rally encore

Motor rallying: The Paris-Cape Town rally will be held again next year, the organisers said yesterday. Its route will pass through Zaire, Burundi, Tanzania and Zimhabwe with more racing stages, unlike this year when competitors drove lengthy stages without racing.

#### SNOW REPORTS FRANÇE 100 160

Les Arcs .. . ...... 100 135 good open (Good skang at all levels. Up to 230cm on glacier) AUSTRIA SUMMY

SWITZERLAND Andermati ...... 110 150 good open (Good skung on soft snow All lifts and runs open) SUMMy Davos ......... 65 140 good open (Most pistes offer great skiing on hardpacked snow)

ROMANIA Poiana Brasov .. 20 30 fair most snow (Snowfall should improve patchy conditions. Most lifts operating) Supplied by Ski Hottine. L and U refer to lower and upper slopes

#### Chinese triumph China beat Japan 3-2 in a fiercely contested match in

the Indira Gandhi men's hockey tournament in Delhi yesterday.

Hanley's honour Ellery Hanley, the Great Brit-

ain rugby league captain, who plays for Leeds, has been ship by Leeds polytechnic.

#### Taylor defends Meldrick Taylor defends his World Boxing Association welterweight championship against Glenwood "The Real

Beast" Brown today.

#### Win for Kissling Conny Kissling, of Switzer-

land, won her fifth freestyle skiing World Cup victory of awarded an honorary fellow- the season, and 98th of her



#### CRICKET Sri Lanka achieve

rare win Multan, Pakistan: Sri Lanka ensured that they would not return home completely empty-handed by beating Pakistan by four wickets in the fourth one-day international

Inzamamul Hag scored his first century for Pakistan in their total of 205 for eight. Samaresekera Gurusinha added 157 for the second Sri Lankan wicket.

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Inzamam uhlagi e Kalpage
laz Ahmed c de Salva b Ramanayake
Wasam Akaran c Hathurusanghe
b Wijegunwardene

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Mushtaq Ahmed b Ramanayake
Extras (b 5, w 5, bb 2)

Total (5 whis, 40 overs) ... FALL OF WICKETS, 1-149, 2-180, 3-196 4-20, 5-20 BOWLING Ramanayate 8-1-30-2 Wincounawardene 5-1-37-1; Gurusinba 2-0-140, Maduasingha 8-1-35-0, Anurasin 8-0-42-0 usyasunya 8-0-41-2

SRI LANKA D Mushtaq

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Extras (6 4 b 1 w 5 nb 6) 

D Johannesburg: West Indies' visit to South Africa early next year will be to compete in a triangular oneday competition, also involving Pakistan, according to Ali Bacher, managing director of the South African cricket

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Group B (m Dakar): Senegal 3, Kenye 0. (Senegal and Cameroon meet in quarter firet); Group C in Zuguarchor). Algana 1. Congo (Moro Coss) and Congo quality for quarter-finate). Dater: Serega S. Neriya C. (companies Cameroon meet in quarter finel); Group C (in Zuguarchor). Algera 1, Congo I (livery Coest and Congo quality for quarter finels).

ENGLISH SCHOOLS MATCHES: Addids Under-19 Trophy: Devon 1, Conswell 2. Barclays. Under-19 Cup-First sound: Exeter College, Comwall 0, Pennwith South-Form College, Comwall 0.

BASKETBALL

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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP: Semifinal senses: Pool A: Bascelons 101.
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Slobodna Deiraccie (Yug) 99. Virtus
Bologna 95 (07. m Ls Coruna): Kelev
Tallien (Estonia) 86. Cabone Zagrete
(Crossta) 99. Landing positions (siter
eight-matches) 1. Bercelons, 15 pts. 2.
Catonia Zagrete, 15: 3. Virtus Bologna, 14.
4. Maccatz Elife, 13 Pool 8: Beyer
Levericissen 126. Aris Saloniás 80.
Estudiantes Madad 73. Joventut Badelona (Sp) 96: Pertizan Beigrade 111. Den
Heldet 77 (in Fuenlabrada, Sosini). Philips
Métan 113. Mecheten (Bel) 93. Leading
positions (after eight matches). 1.
Joventut Badelona, 16 pts. 2. Pertizan
Beigrade, 13: 3. Philips Milan, 13. 4.
Estudiantes Madad, 13
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Chcago Bufs. 100. Cleveland Cavaliers 85.
Misma Heat 102. Westhington Builets 94.
San Antonio Sous 25. Minnesota
Timberedovas 11: Denver Mingetta 101.
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116. Alignata Hawks 111: Seattle SuperSoricts 101. Los Angeles Cappers 98.

8. Atlanta Hawks 111; Seattle Super recs 101, Los Angeles Cappers 98. BOWLS -PETTON TROPHY: Women's national club championship: Newcastle 65. Darlington 104. Swinton 78. York A 75. Boston 81. Nothingam A 64. Chy of Ety 88. St. Neotics 00. North. Waisham 95. Baccles 57. Cochester A 73. Tibury A 82. Barking 6 76. Mansheld 90. Riverain 107. Hattield 48. Rugby 88. Westlacot 55: King George A 78. Egnem A 70. Old Couladon 56. Craydon 78. Stour 78. Angel A 82. Athelay 8 93. Bodpon 55. Northavon 77. Yeoval 72. Tortory A 83. West Commail A 87.

TORFAEN: WIBA national champion-ships: Fours: Quarter-linels: Pembroke-shire bt Lianels. 19-15. Merthyr Tydis bt Frinth Beach: 21-20: Vale of Glamorgan bt Ogur. 24-12. Cardiff bt Ogur. 29-8

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane:
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Australa: Hobert: Victoria 200 (W N
Philips 67 C Matthews 5-45) v Tasmana
KARACH: Under-19 Test match: Paki-stan 342-9 dec (Hanter 103, Raza 52, )
Srupe 4-51), England 135 (Raza 4-36)

GOLF SEFALUDA DUNES, Californis: Bob Hope Chesic: Second-round leaders (18 epiess stated) 133; M. Lancester, 67.

FOR THE RECORD

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67. 69. R Fehr, 54. 72. J Haas, 68, 68; J Huston, 65, 70.
TOBAGO INTERNATIONAL: Third-round leaders (C8 and the unless stated): 207: M Poxon, 70, 67, 70, 208; D Galord, 69, 70, 69 210; P Baiter, 69, 73, 68, 212; K Robson, 71, 69, 72, 214; S McAllaster, 72, 69, 73; G J Brand, 71, 72, 71, 215; G Furey, 72, 69, 74, 18 ennett, 75, 69, 71, 216; A Sherborne, 70, 75, 71, M Mackenze, 69, 72, 75, G Ripph, 69, 74, 73, JOHANNESBURG: South African Open (South Africa unless stated): 134; E Es, 65, 69, 135; D James, 69, 66, 136; C Devision, 67, 69, 137; G Reid, 70, 67, 138; T Dodds, 71, 57; B Lamb (US), 73, 55; W Bracley, 86, 70, S Dansels, 70, 68; J Stand, 71, 57.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHLL): New York Rangers 5. Calpary Fitzmes 4: Boston Brusts 4, Hartfront Whalers 3 (OT). Pittsburgh Penguans 3, Detroit Red Wings 3 (OT). New York Islandars 4. Philacleiphia Flyers 2. Chicago Blackhowks 4. Toronto Mepte Leafs 9, St. Lours Blues, 6, Montreel Caradiens 6 (OT): Washington Capitals 2. Los Angeles Kings 2 (OT)

**RUGBY UNION** CLUB MATCHES: Ebbw Vale 6. Bindgend 19. Metrose 13. Wasps 35 GLOUCESTERSHIRE CUP: Chellenham 4. Lydney 19 HOSPITALS CUP: First round: St Bar-

SHOOTING UPPER HUT: New Zealand rife championships; Australia Trophy (300, 800, 900 and 1,000 yards) 1. Great Britan. 1920.175. 2. Australia, 1916 184. 3. New Zealand, 1913 185 Short range aggregate: 1, A Luchman (GB Under 25) 285. 2. G Berman (Aus), 297. 42, 3. C Wright (Fandwick), 297.38. 4. G Barnett (GB Under 25), 297.36. Long range aggregates: 1; A Runger (English 20), 197.22; 2. A Owiens (Upper Hut), 197.19. 3. T. Moon (Aus), 197.19. 4. Carpenter, 196.25, 5. N. Finchlidte (GB), 196.24

SKI JUMPING ST MORITZ. Switzertand: World Cup normal hill event: 1. A Felder (Austria): 214 10pts 2 W Ratimaver (Austria): 207 40: 3. M Hoelwarth (Austria): 200 50: 4. Magne Johansen (Nor): 200:30 5. S. Taetberg (Swe): 89-90. 8. M Martinsson (Swe): 196-80 World Cup standings; 1. T. Neromen (Fin): 137pts: 2. Rathmayer 118: 3. Felder: 84.

SPEED SKATING MEERENVEN, Aretherlands: European champlonships: Men: 500m: equal 1, R Sighel (II) and A de Tadei (RI. 37 89: 3. P Adeberg (Ger). 37 98: 4. R Rutama (Nath). 37.99. 5. F Zanstra (Neth), 38.00. 6, M Hadachseff (Austria), 38.33 Women: 500m: 1. E Hunysdy (Austria), 41.19sec. 2, S Voetelnik (Neth), 41.37, 3, G Niemann (Ger), 41.51, 4, M Dascalu (Rom), 41.55, 5, 1 Abdoeline (CiS), 41.93, 6, J Boerner (Ger), 42.08

SQUASH RACKETS MANCHESTER: Fight for Sight national championships: Men: First round: M Puerus bi J Perry, 95, 96, 92, C Keath bi N Taylor, 94, 94, 78, 108, D Ryan bi T Garner, 9-7, 9-5, 3-9, 10-8, P Lord bi Y Abbess 9-3, 9-2, 9-4, A Davies bi G Davies, 9-4, 9-3, 9-5, M Odey bi J Le Lavre, 9-4, 8-10, 9-1, 9-6, J Nicozão bi D Walsh, 9-1, 9-6, 9-7, 9-0, 9-2, 8-2, 9-1, 9-6, 19

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SINGAPORE: Men's Olympic class world championship: Overall positions (after seven races) 1 B Edgington (GB) 25 5pis 2. M Ountin (Fr): 38 7 3 D Frank (Fr) 58 4. J de Changny (Fr) 71 5 C Muzellec (Fr). 73 4 Women: 1 M Herbert (Fr): 6pis: 2. A Herbert (Fr): 37 1 3. N Leterus (Fr): 381 4 Donen de Vres (Neth). 78 4. 5. X Zhand (China). 83 4 British: 8. P Way, 87 7

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PERTH. Australia: World tomado championship: Fifth race: 1. A Hagara and R Hagara (Austral) 2. A Ducah and G. L-Roveraro (II). 3. G. Zuccoli and A. Gisson (II). Leading positions; 1. M. Booth and J. Ferbes (Aus). 1191s. 2. G. Zuccoli and A. Gisson (II). 31. 10. 3: O. and R. Schwall (Gart). 34.

Steve Taylor, the Stourport goalkeeper, has been added to the British hockey squad of 16 at Milton Keynes, where two days of training end tomorrow with a match

against Southgate.
Taylor's trip to Milton Keynes will, however, weaken Stourport's challenge in the Birmingham international indoor tournament today and tomorrow at Cocks Moors Woods leisure centre.

Close thing Shooting: The Great Britain rifle team achieved its main

Cricket: A one-day women's international between New Zealand and England at Wellington was cancelled because of rain. Australia



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## THE TIMES SPORT

SATURDAY JANUARY 18 1992

RFU announces settlement which will end litigation about England's playing strip

## England the all-whites again

ENGLAND'S rugby players will take the field against Scotland this afternoon wearing the all-white jerseys with which they have been traditionally associated, after the settlement of a dispute between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and Cotton Traders, the leisurewear sup-pliers with whom they have a four-year contract.

Cotton Traders, the headed by three former England captains, Fran Cotton, Steve Smith and Tony Neary, have been invited to return to the drawing board to create a "new, exclusive design" for use by England next season. For the remainder of this five nations' championship season. England will play in all-

In a statement agreed between the two parties, Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said yesterday that they were "pleased to announce that a new, exclusive design for the England rugby shirt and as-sociated kir/leisurewear will be created for introduction next season. Cotton Traders Ltd are confirmed as the exclusive licensees to the RFU under a four-year design and supply contract.

"A new design will also be created by Cotton Traders for consideration for future World Cup events during the

ter player is seeking compen-sation from the Rugby

Football Union (RFU) for the

physical damage he suffered

representing his country in

the tournament reveals only

term of the license. The

THE CHANGING SHIRTS

achievement of a registerable design is expected to give rise to future royalty payments to the RFU which will be used for the promotion and development of youth rugby. In the meantime the England team will appear in their traditional white kit bearing the English rose in the five nations' championship this

Cotton Traders agreed a four-year contract, with a further four-year option, with the RFU in December 1990 and launched their World Cup design which incorporated blue and red stripes at the neck and arm. The intention was, and remains, to produce a shirt whose design could not be pirated, thereby deflecting funds from the game.

However the design did not meet with universal approval and though England wore it throughout their six World Cup matches, the RFU com-mittee decided to revert to all-

white after the tournament. This produced the unhappy and potentially very damaging conflict during which the suppliers sought an injunc-tion to enforce the terms of the contract.

Both parties were represented at a brief legal hearing this week but considerable work behind the scenes has given rise to yesterday's statement which should preclude further legal involvement.

Both the union and Cotton Traders have been at pains to ensure that the national squad has not been unduly affected by the dispute and Geoff Cooke, the team manager, confirmed that the issue had not affected the players' preparations for the defence of the championship which opens in Edinburgh, where Scotland play England, and Dublin, where Ireland meet

Despite the prognostications of the bookmakers. Will Carling, the captain, said England did not see them-selves as favourites to beat the

"We had a very close game in the World Cup and just managed to win. Scotland have an amazing record at Murrayfield and if I was in their place, I would be quietly

"One of our objectives is to improve on our World Cup performance and develop as a side. We have to find a balance between a tight and a Cooke expressed sympathy

for the two Scottish p Gary Armstrong and Graham Marshall, who have suffered serious injuries which have forced them out of the championship. "It's very sad for them and the whole English squad wants to pass on best wishes for a speedy recovery." he said.

Rob Andrew, page 36 Best's view, page 36 Murrayfield teams, page 36 Ireland's promise, page 36



Safe pair of hands: Bayfield, of Northampton, will have a vital lineout role on his debut for England in today's Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfield

#### part of the trauma he has Teague, physically shatof the high risk." tered and consequently financially troubled, has suffered considerable depression since

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England's World Cup squad broke up. He has been seen only occasionally at Kingsholm. Gloucester rugby club's home, and has done little work in his family busi-A close colleague said:

ness because of his injuries. "Mike has been very down ever since the World Cup

#### Teague counts cost THE hidden cost of World finished. Normally he's one of Cup success with England the lads, but all this seems to have got to him quite badly." has dogged the life of Mike Teague ever since the tourna-It remains uncertain ment ended (Peter Bills whether the RFU, although confident. The news that the Glouces-

sympathetic, would be willing to create a precedent by pro-viding much financial assistance to the player. The RFU secretary, Dudley Wood, said yesterday: "We are examin- loose game, we can't be satis-ing the position to see what fied with what we have insurance cover exists, but to achieved." insure players against loss of

Teague, who is unlikely to play again, was always insured by Gloucester when he represented the club, but it is unclear whether that cover operated when he was on England duty.

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP BET-TING (Coral) Today's matches: Murrayfield: Scotland 74, England 94 on draw 161 Lansdowne Road: Ireland 41 on, Wates 3-1, draw 161 Overall champ-onship odds: England 64, France 5-2, Scotland 7-2, Ireland 9-2, Wates 50-1

## Taylor pleased with European draw

land manager, was delighted by yesterday's draw in Gothenburg for the European football championship finals in Sweden from June 10 to 26. which placed his team in the same group as France, the favourites. Sweden and Yugoslavia.

I could not have asked for better, because we have

avoided the Netherlands, Germany, and also Scotland, who I would not have fan-Taylor said. "Our group is more or less level. though I would regard Sweden as likely to be the most difficult opponents because

they are playing at home.
"I think we will get better as we get nearer the finals, during our series of warm-up

matches," Taylor added. England's first match is against Yugoslavia in Malmō on June 11. Three days later they meet France at the same venue. The two leading teams from each group, conducted on a round-robin basis, go

through to a semi-final stage. Scotland begin their campaign against the Netherlands, the defending

on June 12, and Germany-at Norrköping on June 15. Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, said: "It is probably the biggest challenge Scotland have faced over the last couple of decades. We relish the prospect - people say we could cause a surprise and we have plenty of oppor-

tunity to do that now.'

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## THE trial of the alleged serial buttock fondler and part-

time boxer. Mike Tyson, moves from the bizarre to the surreal. A total of 100 prospective juries for the trial of Tyson, on one charge of rape and three of other sexual offences, have been asked 78 questions, all of which they must answer as part of the selection procedure.

The questions, submitted by both sides, include these. Have you ever been a member of the National Organisation for Women or another group interested in women's issues? Have you ever had any involvement in boxing? Do you consider yourself to be a thinking person, or a feeling person? What have you read or heard about the trial of William Kennedy. Smith and the Tyson charges? What three people, living or dead, do you admire

The questioning of prospective jurors is a normal part of legal proceedings in the United States, but these are far more extensive than usual. The trial begins on Monday week. In the meantime t shall try and work out if this column is a thinking column or a feeling column.

#### No contest

LAST week I declared women would never beat men in the marathon. When, then, do women beat men? They would invariably win the Sharp Quadrathlon, a notional event devised by Dr Craig Sharp, the sports scientist. You start with a swim from Dover to Morocco: women . have greater endurance and power to resist cold.

Sahara: ability to handle heat and to resist dehydration takes women further ahead. Then a 2,500-mile run across the Himalayas: women handle altitude better, too. Final event a 1,500 metres sprint along a balance beam; if you fall off, you start again. Women have better balance. If this were the first event, the men would probably never get onto

You then run across the

#### Test pilot

jumper's friend, is fas-cinated by the aero-dynamics of the ugly but effective V-style, the sport's new fad. Denis Barber writes: "It would seem that they could enjoy even greater lift if a flex-ible membrane was used between the arms and the upper body, as part of a redesigned ski suit. Perhaps your hero. Eddie the gle, would be willing to flight-test the idea."



#### Memory can play a few tricks

AN ASTONISHING letter reaches me. Peter Maxted wishes to "correct" an autobiographical aside in a recent column. "In the famous match between Gwal Loong and Mark Wong's boys in Hong Kong, it is not true that I was so incensed by the penalty decision that I stormed off to The bar adjacent to the touchline was entirely

coincidental. Of Simon's extraordinary save I do indeed have to take his word for it. Apparently it was far superior to that of Gordon Banks from Pele. Still, he did save the penalty, and with it the match. The cheers from our supporter could be heard for many yards. In the postmatch discussion, an abiding memory is of Simon's face when one of Mark's team upbraided his captain for missing a penalty". Fact: Mr Maxted is confusing this with another time I saved a penalty. I just mesmerise 'em.

#### Cry for help

THE arguments and courtroom dramas over the United States bobsleigh team have en-thralled the world and given much angst to competitors. But there is an all-American way of handling this.

"A lot of guys dreams and aspirations have been shattered," Chuck Chuck Leonowicz, the top driver,

Something like this is tough to overcome. I called my sports psychologist and my hypnotist got to get prepared."

AS THE five nations rugby union championship begins, David Pears. of England, is voted one of Britain's 50 most eligible bachelors by Company. "Who would he like to settle down with?" "Someone with a great smile, an outward girl who's not clingy." Other eligible sportsmen include Max Justiez, the Cambridge rowing president ("athletic good looks, enjoys poetry") and Lee Sharpe ("about 20 times better-looking than

Gazza?). Mind you, so is

everyone else.

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## Speed can replace absent Chapman

BY CLIVE WHITE

THE theory, expounded by Johnny Giles before Leeds United's FA Cup tie against Manchester United last Wednesday, that Howard Wilkinson's team might fair better without the prolific Lee Chapman will be put to the test today - even if it is three days late and against the wrong opposition.

in the event. Chapman played against the Old Trafford club and nearly ended up the match-winner, but the broken wrist he suffered in that game has given Wilkinson the opportunity to try a new pairing in attack and a new approach against Crystal Palace at Elland Road.

Gary Speed, the young Welsh international midfield player, is likely to partner Rodney Wallace in attack as Leeds endeavour to stay ahead of United in one competition at least. Speed is a prodigious jumper and a fine header of the ball, but Leeds would be ill-advised to use him as a target man as they

do Chapman. With Strachan set to return to midfield, they are more likely attempt a more methodical build-up, utilising

the skill and pace of Speed, who is the club's second topscorer with nine goals. The other options would be to play Shutt or Davison in attack. but given their wealth of talent in midfield - Batty also returns after suspension -Speed is the more likely

To counter such a threat, or any threat come to that, from a Leeds team capable of scoring from various quarters. Palace will probably deploy McGoldrick as sweeper in the absence of Young, who befour-match suspension.

Palace are the only team to have beaten Leeds in the League this season, though it was in injury time when Bright claimed the only goal of the game.

It is imperative for Leeds, who have a one-point lead over Alex Ferguson's team but have played two games more, that they banish all thoughts of last Wednesday's disappointment. The Manchester club will be banking on securing a victory at Meadow Lane against a Notts County team seriously

## England can win cash bonus

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THERE is incentive enough for England's cricketers to win the first Test of their short series in New Zealand, which started here today, but additional motivation came from last night's announcement of

a lucrative bonus scheme. Tetley Bitter, which sponsors the England team rather than the games in which they play, is to give £10,000 for each Test match victory on this tour, the figure to be divided equally between the players' pool and six charities selected by the team.

As New Zealand have not

lost a home series for 12 years, and England have not won a Test here in three tours. it may be that Tetley is taking no extravagant risks.

Tetley is, however, extending the scheme to the World Cup. which starts next month. If England win the cup, the chosen charities will share £50,000 and the players will receive a bonus equal to their tournament prizemoney, which will also apply if they are runners-up.

Finishing runners-up in this opening Test would probably sabotage all hope of England winning a three-game

series here for the first time since 1963, when Ted Dexter, now chairman of the England committee, was the

To help guard against the possibility, the tour selectors last night declined to name their final XI and included Mark Ramprakash in a squad of 12 for a match certain to start on a pitch of thick but uneven grass cover.

The team manager, Micky Stewart, explained that this change of plan was designed to cover all eventualities but intimated that the final decision would be to give a first appearance to Dermot Reeve. The Warwickshire all-

rounder, aged 28, might have



Reeve: first Test chance

hoped to sleep last night in the certain knowledge that his chance had come, but England's management evidently decided he is sufficiently confident not to fret. Nobody can be sure of playing in their normal way in their first Test match." Stewart said, "but Dermot has

gone about his game here

with the same application he has shown at Warwickshire in the past two years." "If we thought that runs were going to be at a premium we might have to go in with six batsmen. But at the moment the pitch looks more conductive to batting than it did when we were last here for a Test four years ago," Stew-

art said. If Reeve does play at No. 6 it will be the first time Eng-land have gone into a Test without half a dozen specialist batsmen since Gooch took over as captain in 1989.

The delay in the final team announcement might well have been designed to let down Ramprakash gently: He showed both talent and courage against West Indies last summer but is understandably short of confidence, having scored only 28 runs from four innings on the

As expected. Alec Stewart

was confirmed as Graham Gooch's new opening partner. Russell will be back to keep wicket after being left out of the one-day international, and Graeme Hick will remain at No. 3. New Zealand were expected to omit the young all-rounder Chris Harris from their 12 in favour of Dipak Patel, who has passed a fitness test.

England, having lost the services of David Lawrence. the battering ram with which they hoped to pound a hole in New Zealand's proud home record, may have great need than ever of the subtler skills of Phil Tufnell, although a slow bowler has not taken five wickets in a Test innings at Christchurch since Mushtaq Mohammed led Pakistan to victory in 1979.

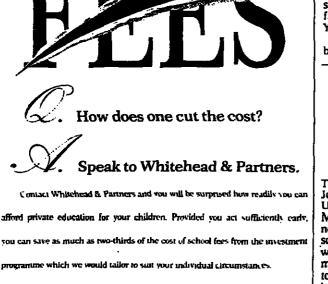
"Phil is a quality spinner the type who is capable of getting wickets whether the ball is turning or not." Gooch

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